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STUDENT FILM EXPERIENCE



OCTOBER 5-10, 2021

(with special preview for educators Oct. 2-4)

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Participation in the 2021 Illuminate Student Film Experience for Students is free with teacher/school reservation by September 30.

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In addition to access to the films, registered classrooms may have access to filmmaker interviews and discussions as well as educational resources.

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All films will be streamed and available during these dates.



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Streaming available to high school teachers & their students
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RIP SENI [20 min]

Overnight on 24 June 2020, graffiti reading "RIP SENI" appeared on a public artwork outside Bethlem Royal Hospital, London. The spray-painted letters called attention to Seni Lewis, a 23-year-old black man who died at the hands of police officers while in the care of the hospital in 2010. This film is a reaction to that graffiti, exploring mental health, public art, and injustice.

Director: Daisy Ifama. [Trailer](#). UK

Full Picture [12 min]

Santina has been in a wheelchair since she was six years old. With meetings, hangouts, and classes happening virtually due to the Coronavirus quarantine, she's experiencing something new: Choosing when (or if) to disclose her disability.

Director: Jacob Reed. [Trailer](#). US



Miss Alma Thomas: A Life in Color [20 min]

Alma W. Thomas lived a life of firsts: the first Fine Arts graduate of Howard University (1924), the first Black woman to mount a retrospective at the Whitney Museum of American Art (1972), and the first Black woman to have her paintings exhibited in the White House (2009). Yet she did not receive national attention until she was 80. This film explores Thomas' incredible life through the eyes of curators, art specialists, scholars, her family, and award-winning actress Alfre Woodard as the voice of Miss Thomas. **Director: Cheri Gaulke. [Website](#). US**

The Roads Most Traveled: Photojournalist Don Bartletti [25 min]

Pulitzer prize-winning photojournalist Don Bartletti shares heart-wrenching stories from his forty-year career documenting history as it unfolds. Internationally recognized for his commitment to photographing the migration of Central Americans to the US, Bartletti's images reveal the never-ending saga of illegal immigration by individuals desperate to improve their lives. **Director: Bill Wisneski. [Website](#). US.**



Understory: A Journey Into The Tongass [40 min]

Three women set sail on a 350-mile expedition through Alaska's massive 9-million-acre Tongass National Forest [the largest remaining temperate rainforest on the planet], exploring how clearcut logging in this coastal rainforest could affect wildlife, local communities, and our planet's climate.

Director: Colin Arisman. [Website](#). US

Out of the Dark: Hannah [5 min]

How do you fight an enemy you cannot see? High school athlete Hannah Lucas faced the greatest challenge of her life and found strength she never knew she had. After struggles with depression and suicidal ideation, she developed the app notOK which provides emergency mental health care at the press of a button. With thousands of users, it has changed lives across the country. **Director: Sarah Klein, Tom Mason. [Website](#). US**



Home From School: The Children of Carlisle [60 min]

In 2017 a delegation of Northern Arapaho tribal members travels from Wyoming to Pennsylvania to retrieve remains of three children who died at Carlisle Indian Industrial school in the 1880s. It's a journey into the troubled history of Indian boarding schools, and a quest to heal generational wounds.

Director: Geoff O'Gara. [Trailer](#). US

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