



MEDIA ALERT

**MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK PRESENTS SPECIAL
“NEW YORK ON FILM” DOUBLE FEATURE**

In-person Event Feature Screenings of *Shirley* and *Rustin*

Program Additions Include Special Exhibition Tour and Sneak Preview of New Musical

Slated for August 10th, 2024

WHAT:

New York on Film: Double Feature - Shirley and Rustin

Museum of the City of New York will host a full-day film double feature -- ***Shirley*** (2024, John Ridley, 116 min) and ***Rustin*** (2023, George C. Wolfe, 108 min.) -- in conjunction with our new exhibition, *Changing the Face of Democracy: Shirley Chisholm at 100*.

The event kicks off with a special pre-screening tour of *Changing the Face of Democracy*, conducted by exhibition co-curator, Puffin Foundation Curator of Social Activism, **Sarah Seidman**.

The first film, ***Shirley*** follows the challenges and triumphs of Congresswoman **Shirley Chisholm**, portrayed by Oscar nominated actress **Regina King**, during her historic presidential run in 1972. After growing up in Brooklyn and Barbados, Chisholm became first Black woman elected to Congress and the first woman to run for president on a major party ticket.

The second film in the line-up -- ***Rustin*** (2023, George C. Wolfe, 108 min) – follows the life of the noted New Yorker and gay civil rights activist, **Bayard Rustin**. Rustin played a huge part in planning the historic 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, but his socialism and homosexuality marginalized him within the leadership of the civil rights movement.

Prior to the second screening, NYU Professor, director, and writer **Lee Summers** will perform selections from his new musical, ***Bayard: The Musical***. As part of this sneak preview, Summers will share about his process of writing a piece about one of his heroes and the responsibility of telling Rustin’s story onstage!¹

WHEN:

Saturday, August 10th, 12PM-6PM

12PM Tour of *Changing the Face of Democracy* (tour ticket holders only)

12:45PM Doors open to Ronay Menschel Hall (Ground Floor)

1:15PM Screening of *Shirley*

3:30PM Shirley program ends

4PM Lee Summer’s *Bayard: The Musical* performance

4:30PM Screening of *Rustin*

¹ To note: The film *Rustin* (2023, George C. Wolfe, 108 min) and *Bayard: The Musical* are entirely separate and unaffiliated works. Netflix, the distributor of *Rustin*, has no connection or involvement with the musical.



6PM

Museum closes

WHERE: Museum of the City of New York (1220 Fifth Avenue @ 103rd Street)

COST:

Film screenings FREE

Exhibition tour tickets available [here](#) for purchase

ABOUT MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The country's first and largest city museum, the Museum of the City of New York fosters an understanding of the distinctive nature of urban life in the world's most influential metropolis. Through history, popular culture, and art, the Museum explores New York City's influence nationally and globally. Named the "Best Museum" in *Time Out New York's* "Best of the City 2021", MCNY holds a 750,000-object collection and hosts two permanent exhibitions; two immersive films; and four rotating exhibitions in its historic building at the top of Museum Mile.

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