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## **Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival Announces Partnership With Birmingham Civil Rights Institute**

### **Life & Liberty Sidebar To Debut Films Centered On Civil And Human Rights**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival, recently recognized as one of TIME magazine’s “Film Festivals for the Rest of Us”, announces a brand new program in partnership with Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. “I am extremely excited about partnering with the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The Life & Liberty sidebar is a perfect fit for both organizations for so many reasons, but especially due to the recent resurgence of quality human rights related films, as exemplified by last year’s big winner at Sidewalk, *The Trials of Darryl Hunt*” says Catherine Pfitzer, the festival’s Executive Director.

This year’s festival will be September 28-30, 2007 spread throughout nine venues located in downtown Birmingham. In addition to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, venues include historic theatres such as the Alabama and Carver Theatres, Alabama Power, Birmingham Museum of Art, Harbert Center, the McWane Center will once again host the Children’s Film Extravaganza, the Sidewalk Café, and the Sidewalk Music Lounge at the Speakeasy.

The 2007 Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival is located downtown Birmingham’s historic Theatre District. Opening Night tickets are \$10 in advance / \$13 at the door. Weekend Passes are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Discounts for Sidewalk members and students with valid ID. Tickets will be available online at [www.sidewalkfest.com](http://www.sidewalkfest.com). Single Film Tickets will be available for \$7 each or three for \$17 during the festival weekend. Additional information is also available online at [www.sidewalkfest.com](http://www.sidewalkfest.com).

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The Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival is a project of the Alabama Moving Image Association, Inc., a publicly supported 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created to inspire, encourage and support films and filmmaking in Alabama.

About Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival: The Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival is a celebration of new independent cinema in downtown Birmingham. This year's festival will be September 28-30. Since its debut in 1999 filmmakers from across the country and around the world have come to Birmingham to screen their work at Sidewalk and have been thrilled to discover fresh, enthusiastic crowds eager to devour new independent cinema. The atmosphere at Sidewalk is electric with creativity and collaboration as film-lovers and filmmakers mix and mingle between screenings, participate in panel discussions, or simply enjoy food at the Sidewalk Café or live music at the Sidewalk Music Lounge located at the Speakeasy. Don't miss your chance to be a part of what the *Ultimate Film Festival Survival Guide* calls "One of the Top 10 Film Festival Vacations."

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