

CINEMA CLASSROOM AT THE AVALON

In 2013 the historic nonprofit Avalon Theatre launched *Cinema Classroom at the Avalon* in consultation with a number of local educators, who provided guidance about the structure and content of the program. This highly regarded educational offering has grown over the years and has now served over 167,000 students who come from public, charter, and private schools from every ward of Washington, DC.

A free program for 6th-12th graders, *Cinema Classroom at the Avalon* engages students in critical issues through screenings and expert-guided discussions. Carefully curated films that focus on pressing human rights and social justice issues are shown in the Avalon's historic theater and are hosted by subject-matter experts who guide students through engaging post-film discussions. Introductions that promote visual literacy by highlighting various film techniques are provided before each of the films offered during the school year. Curriculum guides linked to DCPS standards are sent to teachers in advance of each screening. Since its beginning, public and private funding has allowed for bus transportation to be provided at no cost.

Cinema Classroom at the Avalon and student film education remain central to the Avalon's mission as a nonprofit film center. The Avalon is eager to invite DC students back into the theater!

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[THEAVALON.ORG/CINEMACLASSROOM](https://theavalon.org/cinemaclassroom)**

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2024-2025
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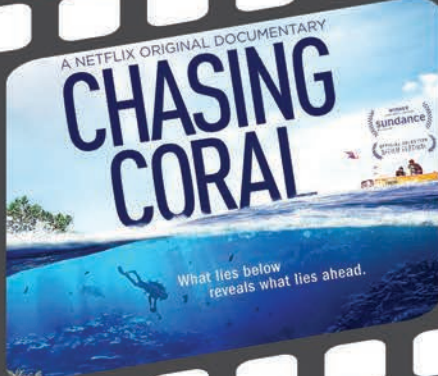


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**AVALON
THEATRE**

5612 CONNECTICUT AVE NW
WASHINGTON DC 20015

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2024-2025 FILMS



THE COURAGEOUS HEART OF IRENA SENDLER OCTOBER 7-8, 2024

THE COURAGEOUS HEART OF IRENA SENDLER tells the story of one of the most remarkable and most unlikely heroes of World War II, a young woman who saved 2500 Jewish children during the German occupation of Poland.

Documentary Running Time: 95 min

TEACHER PRAISE:

“One of the highlights of our virtual school year. The materials were rich and easy to adapt to our needs. My students talked about the film and Dr. Smith for days. I am so grateful to the Avalon Theatre for helping reinvigorate my 8th graders.”

— Hardy Middle School (Soundtrack for a Revolution)

INOCENTE NOVEMBER 12, 2024

A 2013 Oscar Winner, INOCENTE is an intensely personal documentary about a young artist’s determination never to surrender to the bleakness of her surroundings. At 15, Inocente refuses to let her dream of becoming an artist be caged by her life as an undocumented immigrant forced to live homeless for the last nine years.

Documentary Running Time: 40 min

CHASING CORAL DECEMBER 2-3, 2024

Coral reefs around the world are vanishing at an unprecedented rate. In CHASING CORAL, divers, photographers, and scientists set out on an ocean adventure to discover why the reefs are disappearing and to reveal the underwater mystery to the world.

Documentary Running Time: 93 min

“Our 9th graders were thrilled and enamored. The film’s visuals were highly engaging and left a lasting impression. The biology team was also very impressed with the questions the students had for Mr. Hocever, as well as his extensive experience in the field of marine biology.”

— Capital City PCHS (Chasing Coral)

SOUNDTRACK FOR A REVOLUTION SPECIAL EVENT & ESSAY CONTEST | TBD

The story of the American civil rights is told through its powerful music, featuring performances of freedom songs by top artists. The film also includes riveting archival footage and interviews with civil rights activists including Rep. John Lewis, Harry Belafonte, and Julian Bond.

Documentary Running Time: 82 min

OUR ESSAY CONTEST RETURNS FALL 2024!

Our annual essay contest, exclusively for DC’s high school students attending public and charter schools, is your students’ chance to demonstrate their writing and film analysis skills. Last year, talented DC students won \$2500 in prizes! Visit our website to join our email and receive more information.

REGISTER TODAY!

Registration is required for all programs
For more information and to sign up for email updates visit:

THEAVALON.ORG/CINEMACLASSROOM

For questions contact Rebecca Dupas, Ph.D.: rdupas@theavalon.org

Programs begin at 10:00am and run approximately 2 1/2 hours.

- Space is limited—advanced registration is required.
- Our FREE, in-theater programming welcomes 6th through 12th grade students.
- Register early to take advantage of our limited budget for free transportation.
- We offer expanded curriculum linked to DCPS standards in advance of each screening.
- Each film program includes a short introduction to film literacy and both pre-and post-screening workshops.
- As scheduling allows, each screening is followed by an expert-led discussion.
- Healthy snacks are provided.