

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 more than 17,000 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. Each film program includes introductions that promote visual literacy and film techniques, special guest experts, curriculum guides linked to DCPS standards, and free transportation with early registration. 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.

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THEAVALON.ORG/CINEMACLASSROOM**

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SPRING 2025
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**AVALON
THEATRE**

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SPRING 2025 FILMS



SOUNDTRACK FOR A REVOLUTION SPECIAL EVENT & ESSAY CONTEST FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Soundtrack for a Revolution emphasizes the role of protest songs in empowering activists and fostering unity in the face of profound adversity. Using evocative black-and-white archival footage, the film provides an unflinching look at the violence and injustice faced by civil rights activists, contextualizing the significance of music as both a tool of resistance and a source of solace. It traces the movement's trajectory from Rosa Parks' catalytic role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott to the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968.

Documentary Running Time: 82min

TEACHER PRAISE:

"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)

DELORES MARCH 3-4, 2025

Dolores Huerta is among the most important, yet least known, activists in American history. An equal partner in co-founding the first farm workers unions with Cesar Chavez, her enormous contributions have gone largely unrecognized. Dolores tirelessly led the fight for racial and labor justice alongside Chavez, becoming one of the most defiant feminists of the twentieth century—and she continues the fight to this day, in her late 80s.

Documentary Running Time: 98 min

THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE WATER APRIL 1, 2025

There's Something in the Water is a disturbing and, frankly, terrifying portrait of ecological and social disasters in director Elliot Page's native Nova Scotia. Based on Ingrid Waldron's incendiary study, the film follows Page as he travels to rural areas of the province that are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development. Together with collaborator Ian Daniel, Elliot discovers that these catastrophes have been precisely placed, all in remote, low-income — and very often Indigenous or Black — communities.

Documentary Running Time: 71 min

TELL THEM WE ARE RISING MAY 5, 2025

America's Historically Black Colleges & Universities which began before the end of slavery, flourished in the 20th century and profoundly influenced the course of the nation for over 150 years—yet largely remain unknown. In this important and engaging film, the rich history and powerful story of the rise, influence, and evolution of HBCUs comes to life.

Documentary Running Time: 85 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. Hocevar, as well as his extensive experience in the field of marine biology."

— Capital City PCHS (Chasing Coral)

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.