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**THE FOURTH ANNUAL GARY INTERNATIONAL BLACK FILM FESTIVAL SET TO LAUNCH
LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FILMS OCTOBER 17-19 AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY NW**

Gary, IN – Independent films from emerging and established filmmakers will make their Gary debut October 17, 18 and 19, 2014 at Indiana University Northwest Bergland Auditorium. The **Fourth Annual Gary International Black Film Festival** (GIBFF) offers a powerful lineup of drama, documentary and short films, opening with **THEY DIE BY DAWN**, a star-studded film based on the true life African American Cowboys of the old west.

The festival offers a packed 3-day cinema event featuring acclaimed films that are handcrafted by independent filmmakers from the US and abroad. The festival is excited to announce the **World Premiere** of **MY NAME IS GARY**. This documentary is a loving and well balanced tribute to the people of Gary, IN produced and directed by French filmmakers **Frederic Cousseau** and **Blandine Huk**. The film features reflections and interviews with current and former Gary residents on the rise, decline and hope for the future of this once-proud steel town. Interviews with former Gary Mayor Richard Gordon Hatcher, and others provide unique history of the city where black people rose to power.

Opening Night will feature a red carpet reception with music, food and beverage prior to the Opening Night film, **THEY DIE BY DAWN**. Directed by Jeymes Samuel (aka The Bullits), **THEY DIE BY DAWN** features an all-star cast including Giancarlo Esposito, Michael K Williams, Nate Parker, Jesse Williams, Rosario Dawson, Isaiah Washington, Erykah Badu, Bokeem Woodbine and Harry Lennix, the film sets out to tell the story of a showdown between the real life characters in the Wild Black West.

The festival is proud to announce our Saturday Night Spotlight film, the Midwest Premiere of **Christmas Wedding Baby** directed by Kiara Jones along with the stunning drama, **Stay Cold: Stay Hungry**, directed by award winning cinematographer Eric Branco. As part of our annual celebration that shines a light on our hometown, Gary Wirt alumni **Antwon Tanner** will be on hand to discuss and share his work in the provocative drama, **CRU**. A youth film showcase with films by young people and for young people will open the Saturday menu of films.

The Urban League of Northwest Indiana Young Professionals celebrate film festival weekend with actor, producer and director, Rockmond Dunbar as special guest to “At the table with Rockmond Dunbar” – a mix and mingle event Saturday, October 18 at the IUN Northwest Moraine Student Center , Savannah Center.

Partnering with **Indiana University Northwest**, the **IUN Office of Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs**, the **Urban League of Northwest Indiana**, and **The Urban League of Northwest Indiana Young Professionals**, the festival also offers Community Partnership opportunities for organizations and community groups. Interested groups can contact us to find out how you can use the festival as a fundraiser for your organization.

With no film theaters in the Gary city limits, residents must travel to adjacent cities and towns to see first-run major Hollywood motion pictures, and for independent film lovers, the choices are even slimmer. The Gary International Black Film Festival seeks to bring fresh independent film and filmmakers directly to Gary audiences to help build the city’s “cultural collateral.” The Gary International Black Film Festival is a community led, hometown event that seeks to facilitate genuine dialogue and build community across the aisles and across neighborhoods in Gary.

The festival is run by a small core of community, cultural and civic-minded volunteers who work year round to research, raise funds and produce this annual cultural event. Support for the festival is provided through box office revenues,

grant awards, sponsorships and individual donations. Contributions to the festival are received through the project's fiscal sponsor, Fractured Atlas a designated 501(c)3 charitable organization.

4th ANNUAL GIBFF 2014 FILM FESTIVAL LINEUP
NOTE: SCHEDULE & FILMS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 17

5PM – DOORS OPEN – RED CARPET RECEPTION | FOOD | MUSIC | FUN

7PM

THEY DIE BY DAWN - [Trailer Link](#) | Directed by Jeymes Samuel

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 18

10 AM

BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH – YOUTH FILM SHOWCASE

Films include Gerthy's Roots | Echoes of Incarceration | Lady Razorbacks | What Does It Mean to Be an African American Woman Who Loves Hip Hop?

1PM

SHORT FILM SHOWCASE – Eli's Liquor Store | The Gift | Afronauts | Finding Neptune

3 PM

STAY COLD STAY HUNGRY – [Trailer Link](#) | Directed by Eric Branco

Manny is a recovering alcoholic, struggling to keep his head above water and return to his family. When he meets Harley, a young man living on the streets of New York City, Manny sees him as an opportunity for redemption... But Harley is not who he seems.

6PM

CHRISTMAS WEDDING BABY – Directed by Kiara Jones

Three sisters struggle to find happiness during the holiday season as the youngest and 'bride to be' discovers that her first love has been hired as her wedding photographer. *"..warm, funny and family-friendly"* Shadow and Act.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

2PM – CELEBRATE GARY! WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS | SHOW YOUR GARY PRIDE

MY NAME IS GARY – [Trailer Link](#) | Directed by Blandine Huk and Frederic Cousseau

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4:30PM

CRU - [Trailer Link](#) | Directed by Alton Glass

When four high school best friends' lives are dramatically changed on the night of a near fatal accident, eighteen years later they're reunited, only to discover that a set of past and present secrets will alter the course of their futures forever. Actor, writer, director and Gary Wirt alumni Antwon Tanner in attendance

FESTIVAL INFO

Tickets are available at the Urban League of Northwest Indiana and www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/2729

- Ticket prices vary, with Opening Night @ \$25 and all other screenings @ \$10 | Youth and Seniors \$7
- **Full Festival Passes** are available: \$100
- **Senior discount** available on all tickets except Opening Night