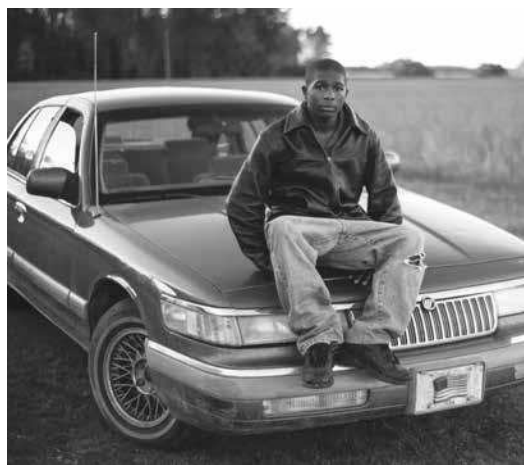


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African-American poet and memoirist Maya Angelou is profiled in the documentary "Maya Angelou: And Still I Rise," screening Thursday, Feb. 9 to open the Portland Black Film Festival at the Hollywood Theater in northeast Portland.

Black Film Festival Opens 2 weeks of screenings at the Hollywood Theatre

Celebrating black perspectives and stories during Black History Month, the Hollywood Theatre in northeast Portland hosts the 2017 Portland Black Film Festival, opening Thursday, Feb. 9 and continuing through Feb. 22

Legendary screen actress Pam Grier will be in attendance as a special guest on Saturday, Feb. 11 during a special 35mm screening

of her 1973 film "Coffy," a marquee event that has already sold out in pre sales, according to festival organizers.

Additional festival highlights include a showing of the new documentary "I Am Not Your Negro," from filmmaker Raoul Peck; "Sign O' The Times," a Prince concert film directed by the late musician himself; and "The New Black," a

documentary about gay rights in the African American community.

"Maya Angelou: And I Still Rise," a documentary profiling the life of the great African-American poet and memoirist Maya Angelou opens the festival on Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, and a complete festival lineup, visit hollywoodtheatre.org.

Safeguarding Values

Governor expands state sanctuary status

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has signed an executive order to solidify the state's status as a sanctuary state forbidding state cooperation with federal immigration authorities when the only crime being pursued is for being in the country without proper documentation.

The action makes clear that state agencies and state employees will uphold Oregon's values of nondiscrimination and inclusiveness, Brown said. It forbids using state and local resources to discriminate based on immigration status; and forbids state agencies from using public resources to help create a religious registry.

Brown issued the order on Thursday, a few days after President Trump's executive order banning most travelers from seven majority-Muslim countries from entering the U.S. and stopping all refugees from entering the country for 120 days and from Syria



Oregon Gov. Kate Brown

indefinitely.

Oregon pioneered statewide sanctuary status in a 1987 law when immigrant workers and their families were sometimes housed in appalling conditions despite their importance to agricultural profits.

Brown said she will enforce that law, including taking legal action if the Trump Administration tries to withhold federal funding as leverage.

"They mow our lawns. They pick our grapes," Brown said. "They take care of our children and they take care of our seniors, and I want to make sure they feel

welcome in Oregon."

The law means immigrants can go to police when they are a victim of a crime or witness one, without fearing deportation, said Jann Carson, associate director of the ACLU of Oregon. "The biggest result is that Oregon police have not participated in INS, now ICE, raids on migrant farms, apartment buildings, roadblocks."

She said immigrants here illegally can't receive welfare benefits but that many pay taxes.

Former lawmaker Dick Springer helped pass Oregon's measure 30 years ago. He said the measure received bipartisan support. Asked if it makes Oregon a sanctuary state, Springer said that was his intent.

"We're not going to hassle people that want to make a living and are contributing to our economy," he said, choking up with emotion. "They have a very strong work ethic. They have commitment to faith and to family. Those are the families we cherish, embrace and welcome."

Associated Press contributed to this report.