



Portland native and Broadway actress Bobbi MacKenzie stars in "Another Day," a short film by Portland filmmaker Sommer Martin that follows a young black girl's experiences navigating through Portland's predominately white schools.

Navigating Race in White Schools

Local filmmaker produces true life story

Sommer Martin from Portland's African-American community is the talented creator behind a new short film, "Another Day, about a young black girl's experiences navigating through Portland's predominately white schools.

Starring Broadway actress and Portland native Bobbi MacKenzie, the film is a true-life story of a young black girl's life spanning over three days at her school. The film explores themes around micro-aggressions, race, tokenism, patronization from her teaching staff, and how she relies on her family, spirituality and singing to rise above her circumstances.

Martin said the goal of the film is to show how students of color struggle in predominately white schools, but more so to educate teachers on how to improve mentoring students of color and change the culture of Portland Public Schools.

Another Day was written and directed by Martin and produced by Golden Pride Productions with help from the Regional Arts & Culture Council, Executive Producers,

Indiegogo Backers, the countless other donors.

You can watch the 15 minute film and see related discussion questions drafted by a selected group of Portland teachers, diversity, equity and inclusion experts by visiting goldenprideproductions.com/another-day.

Exploring a Legacy of Activism



Street photographer Ruth-Marion Baruch's 1968 photo of a Black Panther member feeding his son at Free Huey rally in Oakland, Calif. Portland's legacy of the Black Panthers will be the topic when founding member Kent Ford leads a Black History Month discussion at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at the St. Johns Library.

Life and Journey of Moses Williams

The community is invited to hear "The Life and Journey of Moses Williams, Buffalo Soldier," during a special presentation at the Fort Vancouver Visitor Center, 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd., in partnership with the Oregon Historical Society. The free public lecture, presented Saturday, Feb. 29 at 1:30 p.m., will explore the life, military service and Pacific Northwest connections of the decorated U.S. Army Buffalo Soldier and Medal of Honor recipient – and share new research that sheds light on key turning points in Williams' fascinating journey throughout the American West.



Thank you

to our partners at Urban League of Portland, Black United Fund, Native American Youth and Family Center, Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Latino Network and the Portland Street Art Alliance. With their help, a mural celebrating the people and places we love has landed at Portland International Airport.

See "A Place Called Home" by Alex Chiu and Jeremy Nichols in the PDX North Tunnel or at portofportland.com/communitymural.

