

The 15th Annual Oscar Micheaux Film & Book Festival
August 4th – 7th, 2010
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“Parallel Lives: Oscar Micheaux and Gregory County in the 1940’s”

Wednesday, August 4th, 2010

- 7:00 PM Opening Ceremony at Oscar Micheaux Center Garden: Introduction of the USPS Oscar Micheaux Stamp; music by Java Jives.
- 8:30 PM Kick off with Oscar Micheaux’s 1919 film, “The Homesteader” at the Oscar Micheaux Center (OMC) Wilske Theater; Shareef Aleem, moderator.

Thursday., August 5th, 2010 – “Entertainment in Micheaux Films and Gregory County”

- 8:30 AM Registration @ Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby
- 8:45 AM Welcome & Orientation at OMC Wilske Theater by Jerry Wilske
- 9:00 AM Showing of Oscar Micheaux ‘s 1939’s film “Lying Lips” (Minutes); discussion group on Oscar and his nightclub scenes follows.
- 10:15 AM Showing of “Within Our Gates” with live score by pianist, Bette Fogel; Shareef Aleem, moderator.
- 11:00 AM Esteemed Micheaux scholar and author Pearl Bowser presents a lecture on Jazz, its use and importance in Micheaux works & other race films.
- 12:00 Noon Enjoy lunch on your own. (Restaurant list will be available & posted at OMC)
- 1:00 PM Richard Papousek: Oscar Micheaux Center tour, building history and its 100th birthday celebration; The Mixed Blood Theatre Troupe presents its musical production of “Daughters of Africa: African American Women and Music”.
- 2:30 PM Shareef Aleem: Oral history film of 1940’s boxer and discussion of the barriers and opportunities for black athletes of the WWII era.
- 3:30 PM Dave Kemp: Lecture: “A Celebration of 100 years of South Dakota Activities and Athletics” (SB).
- 4:30 PM Meet the athletes: Oral histories of Gregory County Athletes from 1940-1959.
- 6-6:45 PM “Tailgater” dinner available in the Oscar Micheaux Garden; enjoy a display of 1940’s band athletics memorabilia and photos from area high schools in the Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby.
- 7:00 PM Oscar Micheaux Homestead Site: [Stace England and the Salt Kings](#) perform live! Songs from their highly reviewed album “The Amazing Oscar Micheaux”.
*Bring your own lawn chairs, please!
- 9:00 PM Oscar Micheaux Film, “Swing” (1937) at OMC, Wilske Theater; Shareef Aleem, moderator.

Friday August 6th, 2010 - "Oscar Micheaux and The Women..."

- 8:45 AM Registration @ Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby
- 9:00 AM Showing of Oscar Micheaux's film "God's Step Children" (1938) at the OMC, Wilske Theatre; Shareef Aleem, moderator.
- 10:15 AM Roundtable discussion of theme of women's roles in Micheaux films and the importance of "passing"; moderated by Shareef Aleem.
- 11:00 AM Jerry Wilske's one act play: "Micheaux: Fact or Fiction"; join us for a "Gardener's Tea", hosted in the Oscar Micheaux Garden by P.E.O. Chapter Z.
- 1:00 PM South Central Master Gardener's demonstration: "Victory Gardens and Beyond" in the Oscar Micheaux Garden.
- 2:00 PM Gregory County Extension Agency presents "We're pickled to have you", a primer and demonstration on the art of canning at the OMC, plus a comparison between WWII rationing and scrap drives and today's recycling and "going green".
- 3:30 PM Lyn Messersmith and Deb Carpenter-Nolting (SB) perform their historical production "Well Behaved Women Seldom Make History"; Shareef Aleem, moderates a round-table discussion on the changing roles of women from Micheaux through the "40's" and today.
- 5:30 PM Enjoy dinner on your own. (Restaurant list will be available and posted at OMC)
- 7:00 PM Oscar Micheaux Center Walk of Fame: display of the emerging roles of women in the 1940's from Micheaux films, advertising and government propaganda posters; Wine and Cheese Social.
- 7:30 PM Mark Meierhenry presents his lecture "The Life and Times of Mary Meierhenry O'Neill: WWII Widow and Working Mother"; audience members are encouraged to share their own stories of Gregory County heroines from the 1940's.
- 9:00 PM Showing of Spencer Williams' 1946 race film "The Girl in Room 20" and discussion group: "A different take on the prairie girl as a damsel in distress?"; moderated by Shareef Aleem.

Saturday, August 7th, 2010 - "Oscar Micheaux & Gregory County: Honoring the Hero"

- 8:45 AM Registration @ Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby
- 9:00 AM Reader's theatre performance of excerpts from Micheaux's 1948 film about a South Dakota hero, "The Betrayal"; read by audience members.
- 10:00 AM Brian Cremins presents a lecture on "the hard working hero" in Oscar Micheaux's four 1940's novels.
- 11:00AM Round-table discussion with audience: Oscar Micheaux, Fact or Fiction?; moderated by Shareef Aleem.

Join us for the 100th birthday celebration for the Oscar Micheaux Center building, hosted by Richard Papousek (Yes, this party includes cake!)

- 1:00 PM World War II vets tell their stories: Tuskegee Airman, Dr. Leroy Bowman and Gregory County Navy pilot Harley Hill share their experiences.
- 2:00 PM Charles White Pipe Jr. presents "The Life and Times of Charlie Whitepipe, Lakota Code Talker in WWII" This presentation includes a discussion of war and the warrior in the Lakota tradition.
- 3:00 PM Colleen Flynn presents "Pat Flynn, Gregory County Hero," the story of a local flying ace in WWII. Flynn also presents Dr. Sean Flynn's book Over Here, Over There: Gregory Through Two World Wars and a retrospective of *Gregory Times Advocate* editorials from the 1940's.
- 4:00 PM Luke Schuetzle: "WWII" an Independent Film.
- 5:00 PM Enjoy dinner on your own. (Restaurant list will be available and posted at OMC)
- 6:30 PM "V-Day Again, 2010" celebration begins; displays of WWII memorabilia; uniforms and papers on display in the Oscar Micheaux Center Lobby.
- 7:00PM Bill Janklow talk: "My Friend Joe Foss: An American Hero".
- 8:00 PM V-Day Again, 2010 dance and celebration; live jazz music in the OMC Garden; vintage costumes strongly recommended!

****Please bring your own lawn chair to all outdoor events.**

****This schedule and assignment of moderators are subject to change. Notices & updates will be in the OMC lobby, along with movie titles and times.**

This concludes the Oscar Micheaux Festival 2010. Thank you for attending and participating in the 15th Annual Oscar Micheaux Festival!

Please help spread the word for the 16th Annual Oscar Micheaux Festival, scheduled for August 3-6, 2011, which will feature Oscar Micheaux and Western Lore.

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