



"I'm Not Racist...Am I?"
Accepted into St. Louis Int'l Film Festival

**Multiple Screenings in Denver for Students, Educators, Legislators,
Law Enforcement and Business Community**

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Calhoun's feature-length documentary film, [*I'm Not Racist...Am I?*](#), has been selected by the St. Louis International Film Festival (SLIFF) to be one of the cornerstone films addressing this summer's tragic events in Ferguson.

The film follows a diverse group of 12 New York City teens through a yearlong exploration of race and racism. "The kids have the kinds of conversations most of us are afraid to have," notes director Catherine Wigginton Greene. "By watching the painful, awkward, uncomfortable—and sometimes fun—process they go through, we hope audiences will learn how to have those effective conversations that can lead to progress."

Two free, public screenings will be held during SLIFF; one on November 19 at St. Louis University Center for Global Citizenship and a second on November 20 at the Tivoli Theatre. Additional private viewings with facilitated post-talks will be shown to hundreds of public and private school students and educators from the St. Louis area.

Just prior to the St. Louis screenings, for ten days in October, the film is scheduled for multiple public and private viewings in Denver, CO, for members of the mayor's office, governor's staff, local law enforcement personnel and business community in addition to audiences of private and public school students, families and educators. Screenings are being sponsored by the Denver Public School District and by the History Colorado Center, in coordination with the museum's current exhibit, "Race: Are We So Different?" Seven independent schools in the area have joined together to screen the film as well, thanks to organizing host, Colorado Academy.

Since late August, the film has been shown in several private viewings to students, parents and teachers at schools across the country. While the film was created, first and foremost, for families and educators, *I'm Not Racist...Am I?* is resonating with the wider public as well—as evidenced by the multiple

screenings scheduled for Denver and St. Louis, and by the reception from the business world. The first corporate viewing was held for employees of Google in early October. Marjai Roberts, Talks at Google Coordinator & BGN Speaker Events Co-Lead, called the experience “A powerful and timely event with one of the most diverse group of Googlers together in one room talking about racial issues and solutions.”

I’m Not Racist...Am I?, co-produced by The Calhoun School in collaboration with Point Made Films, marks the completion of the first phase of Calhoun’s three-part Deconstructing Race initiative. In addition to the documentary film, the school is working on creating curriculum for students in kindergarten through twelfth grades and an interactive website for students, teachers and parents. The school received its initial \$250,000 grant for the Deconstructing Race project from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in 2012, followed by grants from the Gilder Foundation, the Bertha Foundation, and the Asian Women Giving Circle. Numerous endorsements for the project have come from organizations, educators and scholars including Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and the National Association of Independent Schools.

“The recognition the film has been receiving is a profound example of how this sensitively conceived film, and the entire Deconstructing Race project, can inspire and motivate students, teachers and parents to have productive conversations about race and racism in America,” observes Head of School Steve Nelson.

Founded in 1896, The Calhoun School is a co-educational, independent school for students in pre-school through grade twelve on Manhattan’s Upper West Side. As a leader in progressive education, the school’s mission is heavily invested in issues of diversity, social justice and community involvement.

Since 2003, Point Made Films has been making films about the various facets of American identity. The filmmakers document aspects of society that teach us about who we are as Americans and as citizens of the world. Other recent projects include *Adopted*, *The Prep School Negro*, and *In 500 Words or Less*.

Follow the progress of the film on social media:

Deconstructing Race Website: www.calhoun.org/dr

Film Website: www.notracistmovie.com

I’m Not Racist...Am I? trailer: <http://www.notracistmovie.com/about/trailer/>

Twitter: @notracistmovie

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