



FLORIDA THEATRE ANNOUNCES NEW FILM PROJECT

THE FOUR-MOVIE SERIES IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC

**CIVIC CINEMA FEATURES ISSUE- ORIENTED HOLLYWOOD CLASSICS ,
FOLLOWED PANEL DISCUSSIONS WITH LOCAL EXPERTS**

Jacksonville, Fla. – The Florida Theatre is pleased to announce a new project, Civic Cinema, a series of four classic issue-oriented Hollywood movies. Each screening will be followed by a panel discussion of local experts on the movie's subject.

The four inaugural Civic Cinema presentations are: November 14, 2017: *All the President's Men*, followed by a panel discussion on politics and the media; February 6, 2018: *Do the Right Thing*, followed by a panel discussion on the state of race relations in Jacksonville; April 12, 2018: *Erin Brockovich*, followed by a panel discussion on Jacksonville and the environment; September 19, 2018: *Philadelphia*, followed by a discussion on the state of LGBTQ rights and relations in Jacksonville.

All Civic Cinema screenings are free and open to the public, made possible by support from The Florida Times-Union. Projection for the Civic Cinema series is made possible by AVL Productions.

The community can receive free Civic Cinema tickets by calling the Box Office at 904.355.ARTS(2787), online at floridatheatre.com or in person, at the Box Office located at 128 E. Forsyth Street.

"The Florida Theatre has a national reputation as one of the most attended performance venues in the country," said Florida Theatre President Numa Saisselin. "This is an effort on the theatre's part to go beyond entertainment, to engage in the civic life of our city, and be a catalyst for productive dialogue."

Saisselin continued, "We are extremely fortunate to have full funding for this project from the Florida Times Union, which makes it possible to offer each screening for free. Publisher Mark Nusbaum has been committed to the civic life of Jacksonville, particularly downtown, and he bought into this idea right away."

The debut Civic Cinema screening on November 14 starts at 7:00 p.m. with *All the President's Men*. Directed by Alan J. Pakula and starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman, the film is based on Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward's book about the Watergate scandal.

The movie will be followed by a panel discussion on the state of relations between politics and the media, organized by Frank Denton, Editor-At-Large of the *Florida-Times Union*. The panels includes Mary Kelli Palka, Editor of the Florida Times-Union; Anne Schindler, Executive Producer of Special Projects for First Coast News; Tim Gibbons, Editor of the *Jacksonville Business Journal*; and investigative reporter Nate Monroe, who covers government for *The Florida-Times Union*.

The Florida Theatre's 2017 season is sponsored by Community First Credit Union. For a complete list of upcoming season events, visit floridatheatre.com.

[Florida Theatre](#) : From ballet and opera to contemporary pop, jazz, rock, country and blues the nonprofit Florida Theatre offers 200 cultural and entertainment events annually for every taste and age. More than just an entertainment center, The Florida Theatre is also home to graduations, awards ceremonies, lectures, business meetings and charity events that support the community's schools, churches, hospitals and civic groups. As an anchor to downtown development along the beautiful St. Johns River, The Florida Theatre draws 250,000 people to Jacksonville's center each year. The magnificently restored Florida Theatre is recognized as one of the finest concert venues in the Southeast. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Florida Theatre holds special memories for four generations. From the Vaudeville acts and silent films of its earliest days to today's blend of performances of all kinds, The Florida Theatre has served as Jacksonville's premier entertainment center since 1927.

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