

## Press Release...

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### **FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES OPENS WITH A FABULOUS FAVORITE**

Get Your Popcorn and Join The Eubie Blake Center for **“Claudine”**

**Baltimore, MD** - The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center opens its Free Family Film Series with the classic film, *Claudine*. With a free film every third Thursday of the month, The Center invites all to attend. A series of films that feature African American producers, writers, actors, story plots, musicians and themes will be screened throughout the Family Film Series and presented free to the public. *Claudine* is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 6 p.m. at The Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 847 North Howard Street in Baltimore.

*Claudine* is a notable 1974 feature film produced by Third World Films and released to theatres by 20th Century Fox. Starring award winning actors Diahann Carroll , James Earl Jones , Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs , and King Coleman , *Claudine* was written by Lester Pine and Tina Pine, directed by John Berry and with a soundtrack written by Curtis Mayfield and performed by Gladys Knight and The Pips. The film is noted for being one of the few mainstream films featuring a predominantly African-American cast that was not a blaxploitation film. The film was released on April 22, 1974, breaking the box office with a total of \$ 79 million in its opening week.

*Claudine* tells the story of Claudine Price (Diahann Carroll), a single Black Harlem mother, living on welfare with six children who finds love with a garbage collector, Rupert Marshall (James Earl Jones). The pair’s relationship is complicated by a number of inside and outside factors including government welfare regulations and an existing strained relationship between Claudine and her eldest son.

The Family Film Series is free to the public; refreshments will be on sale. For additional information and for reservations, call 410.225.3130. The Eubie Blake Center is located at 847 North Howard Street in Baltimore. Street parking is available. Visit [www.eubieblake.org](http://www.eubieblake.org) for more information about other programs and services.

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For more than three decades, the Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center has sought to bring creative expression and urban consciousness to Baltimore through visual and performing arts education and development opportunities for children, youth and adults in our community.