

## Press Release...

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### **FREE FAMILY FILM SERIES CONTINUES WITH A WHOLE LOTTA FUN!**

Take a Trip Back in Time with Bingo Long and The Guys

**Baltimore, MD** - The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center continues with its popular Free Family Film Series with another classic flick, *The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings*. 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. *Bingo Long* is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 6 p.m. at The Eubie Blake Cultural Center, 847 North Howard Street in Baltimore.

*The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings* is an affectionately comedic sports film about a team of enterprising ex-Negro League baseball players in the era of racial segregation. Starring Billy Dee Williams, James Earl Jones and Richard Pryor and directed by John Badham, the movie was produced by Berry Gordy for Motown Productions and released in 1976.

Tired of being treated like a slave by team owner Sallison Potter (Ted Ross), charismatic star pitcher Bingo Long (Williams) steals a bunch of Negro League players away from their teams, including catcher/sluggger Leon Carter (Jones) and Charlie Snow (Pryor), a player forever scheming to break into the segregated Major League Baseball of the 1930s by masquerading as first a Cuban ("Carlos Nevada"), then a Native American ("Chief Takahoma"). They take to the road, barnstorming through small Midwestern towns, playing the local teams to make ends meet. The movie is rated PG (profanity).

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.

