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WEDU PBS Presents *The Trials of Muhammad Ali* a Free Community Film Screening and Discussion



Muhammad Ali walks through the streets of NYC with the Black Panther Party, Sept 1970.

Tampa, FL – Prior to becoming the most recognizable face on earth, Muhammad Ali found himself in conflicts concerning civil rights, religion, and wartime dissent.

WEDU PBS, in partnership with **C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library**, presents a FREE Community Cinema screening event. *The Trials of Muhammad Ali*, a story of the famed boxer's toughest bout of all: his battle to overturn the prison sentence he received for refusing U.S. military service.

The film explores Ali's exile years when he was banned from boxing and found himself in the crosshairs of conflicts concerning race, religion, and wartime dissent.

Following the film presentation, join in a community discussion with **Dr. Abraham Khan** of USF's Africana Studies, local attorney **Delano Stewart** and **Ali Muhammad**, student minister of the Muhammad Mosque.

WHAT: FREE screening of *The Trials of Muhammad Ali*, followed by a community discussion.

PRESENTED BY: WEDU PBS and C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library

WHEN: Tuesday, February 4, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

RSVP: www.wedu.org/cinema This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and a reservation is requested.

ABOUT WEDU PBS

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