

Often called the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. of movies, Sidney Poitier was the first Black actor to win the Academy Award for Best Actor. He was the first Black actor to star in major films in non-stereotypical roles. His movies brought topics such as interracial couples and discrimination to American households.

Hear about current events that occurred while each of these movies debuted and join in a post-movie discussion group.



Sidney 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 Friendship Village Tempe Skirm Auditorium



The Defiant Ones 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17 Tempe Public Library Desert Willow Room



A Raisin in the Sun 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27 Friendship Village Tempe Skirm Auditorium



In the Heat of the Night 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31 Tempe Public Library Desert Willow Room



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4 Friendship Village Tempe Skirm Auditorium



RSVP to each film by emailing: wthomson@umich.edu

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