



**Press Release**

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## **Local Students to Release Unique Civil Rights Film**

***Students at the School of Arts and Sciences to release the original film they wrote and directed; immediately following will be a panel discussion of civil rights activists.***

**Tallahassee** – Local fourth through eighth grade students at the School of Arts and Sciences will release their original film: *The Neutral Rainbow: Civil Rights in Tallahassee* to the public. Following the film release will be a panel discussion on the civil rights movement by key players in the Tallahassee area.

**The film, selected by the Florida Knowledge Network and promoted by the Florida Commission on Human Relations (FCHR), will be released tonight at 6:30, at the School of Arts and Sciences' Auditorium: 3208 Thomasville Road.** The discussion, facilitated by the FCHR, will immediately follow.

This project served as an opportunity for students to get in touch with their own community's history in relation to the Civil Rights Movement

Derick Daniel, Executive Director of the FCHR said "The Commission is proud to be a part of this event, as it is our firm belief that the key to eliminating discrimination is through education. By encouraging the youth of Florida to become respectful, tolerant and aware citizens, we are helping them to become socially conscious citizens and leaders of the future."

Students of the School of Arts and Sciences Extended Day Study Hall wrote and produced the film in cooperation with Rossier Productions, Inc. and the Rintels. Pictures were provided during the research for the film by the Florida Memory Project and the Tallahassee Democrat.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations is the state agency charged with enforcing the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act. The Florida Legislature has declared that the purpose of these laws is to protect the people of Florida from discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, marital status or familial status.

Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission's commitment.

**Questions regarding the event can be directed to Jennifer D'Urso, Community Assistance specialist with the FCHR or by calling Kate Taluga, School of Arts and Sciences Extended Day Director at (850) 386-6566.**

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