

# REEL POLITICS:

2nd Annual

## ALEXANDRIA FILM FESTIVAL

Honorary Chair William D. Euille, Mayor, City of Alexandria

Thursday, Sept 25—Sunday, Sept 28

4 days of features, documentaries and shorts covering "politics in the USA"



**FREE** Outdoor Opening  
Featuring the HBO film

**"Recount"**  
starring Kevin Spacey

7:30 pm

Thursday, September 25  
at Market Square—301 King Street, Alexandria

For complete list of films, times, location and to purchase tickets

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# 2008 Alexandria Film Festival: **REEL POLITICS**

**Thursday, September 25**

**Market Square – 301 King Street, Alexandria**

**7:30 – 8 pm Official City Welcome, Festival Kick Off**

**8 PM "RECOUNT"**

Starring Kevin Spacey, this HBO film goes behind the scenes to examine the human drama surrounding the 2004 presidential election, the most controversial election in U.S. history.

**Friday, September 26**

**Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium**

**1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria**

**7 - 8:20 PM "MISS BETTY'S AMERICAN HISTORY TOURS: GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HOME TOWN - ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA"**

Miss Betty will make a special appearance before the screening to introduce the audience to colonial Alexandria. A funny, informative walk through Alexandria with "Miss Betty" Ward, who takes a look at Alexandria's founding and colonial period.

**8:30 - 10 PM "ELECTION DAY"**

Eleven stories, shot simultaneously on Election Day 2004, follow voters from South Dakota to New York and Florida to Wisconsin as they seek to make their votes count.

**Saturday, September 27**

**Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium**

**1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria**

**2 - 3:30 PM "DYLAN'S RUN"**

An eye-opening journey into American politics through the experience of a charismatic African American Republican, as he attempts to make history by winning a congressional seat in a white-majority Deep South District.

**3:40 - 5:05 PM "CRAWFORD"**

Producers David Modigliani and Tanya Schurr will be in attendance for a discussion before the screening. What happens to the 705 residents of Crawford, TX when George W. Bush buys a ranch nearby and then becomes president of the United States?

**5:15 - 6 PM "FRONTIERISMO"**

A new look at the immigration issue through a journey along the border between the U.S. and Mexico.

**6:15 - 7:30 PM "THE STORY OF '9500LIBERTY'"**

Filmmaker Eric Byler will present some of these videos and discuss the creation of and ongoing work on 9500LIBERTY. "9500LIBERTY" is a YouTube channel created in 2007 that brings real and immediate stories from ground zero of the national immigration debate in Prince William County, VA in a new and compelling form.

**7:45 - 8:45 PM "THE ANTI-AMERICANS"**

A whimsical yet provocative look at the estrangement that has developed between the U.S. and some of our European allies in recent years.

**9 - 10 PM "CULTURE JAM: HIJACKING COMMERCIAL CULTURE"**

A humorous but serious look at the commercialization of American life through the eyes of those who attempt to subvert it.

**Sunday, September 28**

**Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium**

**1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria**

**1 - 2:30 PM "BLACKS & JEWS"**

An examination of contemporary relations between Black and Jewish communities, with a focus on interethnic conflict, understanding, and tolerance.

**2:45 PM "AN AMERICAN LESSON"**

A Silver Spring, MD teacher deconstructs myths and reveals surprising truths about the American civil rights movement.

**3 - 4:15 PM "COME WALK IN MY SHOES"**

Director Robin Smith will introduce the film. Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) leads an emotional pilgrimage to many of the most important sites of the civil rights movement, highlights some of the movement's "unsung heroes," and reflects on how nonviolent protest brought major changes to America. The Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir will perform following the showing of the film.

**4:30 - 5:30 pm Closing Reception and Award Presentations**

All are welcome to celebrate the conclusion of the festival and honor the featured films.

~ The program is subject to change without notice ~

**For more information**

**Call 703-838-6348**

## **Ticket Prices**

**In Advance: [www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org](http://www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org)**

**\$10 per Day — \$25 3-Day Pass**

**At the Door: \$15 per Day — \$30 3-Day Pass**

**(Cash or check only at the door)**