

HELPING MINORITY STUDENTS TURN THEIR CINEMATIC DREAMS INTO REALITY

THE MINORITY FILM INSTITUTE

COLLEGIATE  
FILM  
SYMPOSIUM

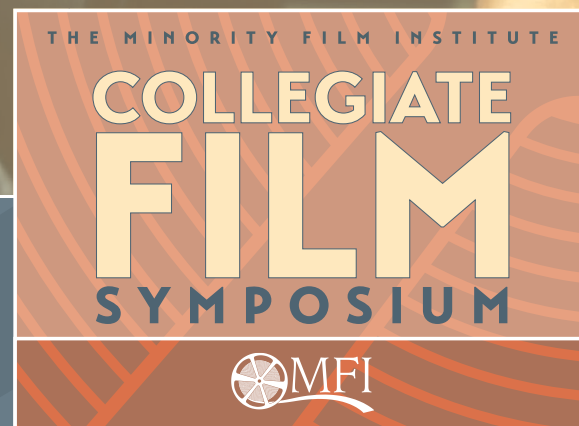


# Summary

## The Minority Film Institute's Collegiate Film Symposium

is a one-day event dedicated to empowering historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) students to access the entertainment industry. This impactful symposium promises an unforgettable experience, offering a unique opportunity to immerse oneself in the world of film, television, and entertainment.

The event assembles industry experts, including producers, directors, and actors, alongside aspiring filmmakers. It features powerful keynote speakers, engaging panel discussions, exciting workshops, and invaluable networking opportunities.



Attendees can connect with like-minded individuals, gain insights, and stay updated on the latest entertainment industry trends. The symposium is a vibrant celebration of the magic of the industry, providing inspiration and an in-depth look into the fascinating world of film and television.

With a focus on promoting diverse storytelling, this symposium is designed to equip minority students with the knowledge and resources needed to thrive in the film business. It's a significant step towards ensuring that a wider range of voices and perspectives are heard in the world of entertainment.

# Program: Day 1

## Basic Program Outline

9 - 9:30 a.m.

### Opening Remarks

9:30 - 10:20 a.m.

### Panel 1: WHY - Why does the world need your film?

10:30 - 11:20 a.m.

### Panel 2: The Essentials for Every Content Creator

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### MFI: The Filmmaker Pledge

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

### Lunch and Keynote Address

### Break-out Labs (Sessions Repeat)

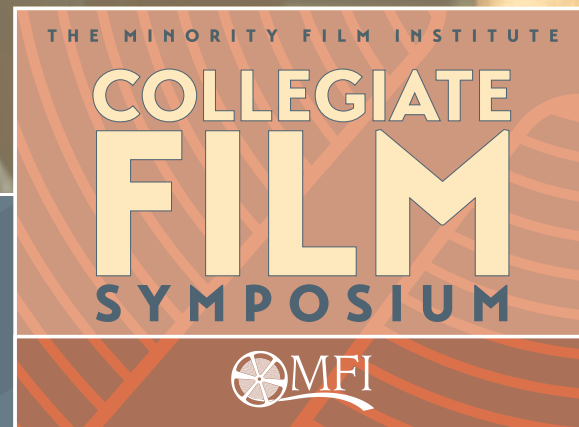
### Writers Labs

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

#### Lab A: The Keys to Screenwriting

2:20 - 3:20 p.m.

#### Lab B: The Structure of a Story



### Directors Labs

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

#### Lab A: The Essentials of Directing

2:20 - 3:20 p.m.

#### Lab B: The Work Below the Line

### Actors Labs

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

#### Lab A: The Fundamentals of Acting

2:20 - 3:20 p.m.

#### Lab B: How to succeed as an actor



# Program: Day 2

## MFI Screen and Discuss Experience

**The MFI Screen and Discuss Experience** is a day or evening event that celebrates the art of storytelling as a gateway to education, history, inclusivity, and community engagement while paying homage to the diverse voices and content that shape the film and television industry. Participants screen a highly acclaimed documentary film, followed by an engaging conversation about its themes and insights with its producers, director, and participants. This thought-provoking panel discussion allows participants to engage actively with panelists in a thought-provoking discussion, gaining valuable perspectives on the creative process, the documentary's origins, and its impact on both the industry and society.



After the discussion, the MFI Network Reception offers attendees a valuable opportunity to connect with fellow film enthusiasts, filmmakers, and industry experts while creating a space to build connections, share ideas, and become a part of the MFI Family.

The MFI Screen and Discuss Experience is a heartfelt celebration of storytelling and the multitude of diverse voices that contribute to the rich tapestry of the film and television industries, ultimately promising to be an enriching experience for all who attend.



**Thank you for your interest in  
the Minority Film Institute Collegiate Film Symposium.**

**Together, we can educate and empower the minority filmmakers of tomorrow.**

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