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THE FULL FRAME DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL DEBUTS COMMON GROUND PROJECT WITH FREE SCREENING OF *WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?*

The screening will be held on October 25, 2018 at 7 pm at the Joy Performance Center in Kings Mountain, NC. Free [RSVPs are now available via Eventbrite](#).

In partnership with the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, the North Carolina Arts Council, and local arts organizations, [Common Ground](#) is a traveling program that facilitates free documentary screenings and discussions in small towns throughout North Carolina. For its inaugural screening, Full Frame and the Cleveland County Arts Council will present the critically acclaimed documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, which looks at the life and legacy of Fred Rogers. Special guests David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, and producer Nicholas Ma will be in attendance for a moderated Q&A following the film.

Fred Rogers transformed children's television with *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister who believed that love was the pathway to personal growth and development. With his groundbreaking show, he provided a space for intimate and straightforward exchange. In his gentle discussions with young guests, listening became a revolutionary act; he acknowledged the fears, worries, and hardships of growing up. Through a cast of puppets, he also managed to broach topics like disability and race, offering families the tools to speak frankly about the world around them. Morgan Neville's stunning film reveals the origins of the show, the ways it connected to current events, and its significant impact on the lives of children, and adults, across the country. Interviews with family, friends, and colleagues reveal that Rogers was indeed a visionary, but he was also human, and he faced his own share of shortcomings and self-doubt. In his life, Rogers contributed singular authentic exchange both on and off the air.

Won't You Be My Neighbor? will screen on October 25, 2018 at the Joy Performance Center in downtown Kings Mountain, NC. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the film will start at 7 pm. There will be a post-film discussion with David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, and producer Nicholas Ma. Hopper's Soul

Food Truck will be on-site from 5 pm to 7 pm. The screening is free and open to the public. RSVPs are recommended and can be made on [Eventbrite](#).

For interview opportunities or high-resolution images, contact [Chris Everett](#).

About Full Frame

The Full Frame Documentary Film Festival's 22nd annual festival held April 4-7, 2019 will showcase nearly 100 documentary features and short films from around the world, some of which will make their World or North American premieres. Festival screenings, discussions, and panels will be held in historic downtown Durham, N.C., including venues within the iconic Carolina Theatre and the Durham Convention Center. Set within a few city blocks, the intimate festival landscape fosters community and conversation among filmmakers, film professionals, and the general public. The 2018 Full Frame Documentary Film Festival yielded over \$2.5 million for Durham's local economy and is a qualifying event for nominations for the Academy Award® for Best Documentary Short Subject and The Producers Guild of America Awards.

Serving the local Durham area as well as the documentary film community throughout the year, Full Frame also promotes the festival's mission by presenting documentary work in the Full Frame Theater and other venues both locally and nationally. Full Frame encompasses education and training opportunities such as the Full Frame Fellows Program, the School of Doc summer program for teenagers, the documentary literacy program Teach the Teachers for local educators, and the annual Youth Screening, drawing hundreds of students and teachers to the Carolina Theatre for an immersive, instructive experience.

The Festival is a program of the [Center for Documentary Studies](#) at Duke University, a nonprofit 501(c)3, and receives support from corporate sponsors, private foundations, and individual donors whose generosity endow the festival's foundation. To learn more about the mission of Full Frame, scheduled films, festival tickets, or how to support Full Frame, visit fullframefest.org.

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