



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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FREE SCREENING AND FILM DISCUSSION: *FOR FLINT*

Flint, MI – The Flint Institute of Arts invites you to join your neighbors for a reception, dialogue, and screening of the award-winning documentary *For Flint* on Tuesday, December 12 at the Flint Institute of Arts.

Take a walk down Flint's main thoroughfare, and Saginaw Street resembles a city in transition. Ask any of the 102,000 residents, whose number has been rapidly declining since big auto's exodus, and Michigan's seventh largest city feels anything but lucky.

Stagnant economy. Dizzying crime rate. And a water crisis that has captivated a nation. To say that Flint has been hit with a bad blow would be an understatement. The city has taken it on the chin, and is now primed for its second act. The city's resiliency is emblematic of the can-do spirit of its residents.

Look no further than Valerie Horton, who parlayed a 33-year General Motors career into a second calling as a potter and arts surrogate by introducing her Chosen Few Arts Council to Flint's arts-deprived youth. There's found objects artist Ryan Gregory and his awesomely bizarre contraptions that are byproducts of a 20-something's limitless imagination coupled with Flint's raw and overlooked resources. And, after growing up on Flint's rough north side and nine years of incarceration, Leon El-Alamin is poised for redemption by empowering Flint's at-risk youth. While Flint has been shaken by a federal state of emergency fueled by the unimaginable, these individuals are charting a new course flowing with a hope and optimism that might just make all the difference. And as for luck, well, we should all be willing to bet on Flint.

A panel discussion and reception will follow the film, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

THE PANEL

Brian Schulz, Director

Matthew C. Mills, Producer

Leon El-Alamin

Ryan Gregory

Valorie Horton

The screening is FREE and open to the public. Doors open at begins at 6:45 p.m. and seating is first come, first served.

ABOUT THE FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

The Flint Institute of Arts is Michigan's second largest art museum and one of the largest museum art schools in the nation. The FIA's mission is to advance the understanding and appreciation of art for all through collections, exhibitions, and educational programs. The FIA is located at 1120 East Kearsley Street in the Flint Cultural Center. The museum is open Mon–Fri 12p–5p.; Sat 10a–5p. and Sun 1p–5p. Admission to the FIA is free to members and children under 12; Adults are \$7; Senior Citizens and Students with I.D. are \$5. Saturdays are free thanks to Huntington Bank. For more information, please call 810.234.1695 or visit www.flintarts.org.