



FLINT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

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**QTV, PBS, FIA Bring Documentary Film Series to Flint
First Screening Features Director Meet & Greet, Post Film Discussion**



Flint, MI – On Wednesday, September 27, Q-TV and *POV*, the longest-running documentary series in television history, in partnership with the Flint Institute of Arts, will host a FREE screening of *Raising Bertie*, a documentary that offers an intimate portrait of three African American boys as they face coming of age in Bertie County, North Carolina. Like many rural areas, Bertie County struggles with a dwindling economy, a declining population, and a high school graduation rate below the state average. The film follows these young men as they live, love, and learn in small town America and decide what their next steps toward adulthood will be.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the screening begins at 7:30 p.m. Darold Newton, host of QTV's *Soul Issue* will moderate an in-depth discussion of the film with local community leaders, including Francis Gilcreast, President of the Flint chapter of the NAACP and Emily Doerr, Program Manager for the City of Flint. The film's director, Margaret Bryne, will also take questions from the audience and participate in the Q & A.

The event is free to the public, but please RSVP if you plan to attend. Seating is first come/first served. To register for the screening, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pov-raising-bertie-screening-tickets-36897596705>

***Raising Bertie* will be shown on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Flint Institute of Art, 1120 E. Kearsley St., Flint, in the FIA Theater. Doors for the event open at 7 p.m. and the post-screening discussion will follow the film's conclusion, at approximately 8:45 p.m. For more information, please call Joe Yezak at 989.686.9348.**

ABOUT POV

POV (a cinema term for "point of view") is television's longest-running showcase for independent nonfiction films. POV premieres 14-16 of the best, boldest and most innovative programs every year on

PBS. Since 1988, POV has presented over 500 films to public television audiences across the country. POV films are known for their intimacy, their unforgettable storytelling and their timeliness, putting a human face on contemporary social issues.

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 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. 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.