

## ARTS TALK

## Skidmore kicks off Storytellers Institute with free events

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Screenings, filmmaker discussions, exhibit talks, storytelling workshops and an early-risers' "listening walk" in which participants can record sounds on their smartphones — and then discuss them over lunch — are among the free public events organized by Skidmore College to kick off its inaugural Storytellers Institute, part of the John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative.



Thomas Allen Harris (photo courtesy Skidmore)

Below is the lineup of public events, which all take place at the college at 815 N. Broadway, Saratoga Springs.

In addition, Thomas Allen Harris will take part in a separate "Digital Diaspora" Albany event — scheduled for **10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday, June 9**, at **YouthFX/Grand Street Community Arts** — where the public is invited to share their stories.

- **7 p.m.: June 5:** An evening with Yvonne Welbon, director of "Sisters in Cinema," a study of African-American female filmmakers. Davis Auditorium, Bolton Hall.
- **7 p.m. Monday, June 8:** screening "Through A Lens Darkly: Black Photographers and the Emergence of a People." Thomas Allen Harris screens and discusses his documentary look at African-American photographers. Payne Room, Tang Teaching Museum.
- **2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 9:** Harris and his team will lead a "Digital Diaspora" workshop, featuring 15-20 minute interviews with participants sharing their stories and photos. (If interested, email [mdocs@skidmore.edu](mailto:mdocs@skidmore.edu).) Payne Room, Tang.
- **8 p.m.: Tuesday, June 9:** "Digital Diaspora Family Reunion Roadshow," highlights from the afternoon workshop. Payne Room, Tang.
- **7 p.m. Friday, June 12:** Carolyn Macartney screens her documentary, "Wanda the Wonderful." Davis Auditorium.

- **7 p.m. Monday, June 15**, Jim Metzner, "The Magic of Sound." Filene Recital Hall.
- **7 a.m. Tuesday, June 16**: An early-morning "listening walk," led by Metzner, in Skidmore's North Woods. (Reservations required; email [mdocs@skidmore.edu](mailto:mdocs@skidmore.edu)).
- **7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16**: Exhibit opening featuring the work of Chris D. Moore, Nicky Tavares and Adam Tinkle. Case Gallery.
- **7 p.m. Friday, June 19**: Evan Roberts, filmmaker and oral historian, will screen and discuss his short "Arvind." Davis Auditorium.
- **7 p.m. Friday, June 26**: Exhibit talk by Jonna McKone, radio producer, artist and documentarian. Case Gallery.

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