

Massasoit Community College To Host A Screening Of “Proud To Be Cape Verdean: A Look At Cape Verdeans In The Golden State”

Documentary filmmaker, Mike Costa, to entertain questions after screening of his film that chronicles life in a Cape Verdean community in California.

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Brockton, MA – Massasoit Community College will present a screening of “Proud to be Cape Verdean (PTBCV): A Look at Cape Verdeans in the Golden State,” a documentary about the Cape Verdean community in California. The one-hour documentary will screen on Friday, February 21 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm, followed by time for Q&A with the filmmaker, Mike Costa. The screening will be held in the student lounge of the Student Center building on the Brockton campus located at 1 Massasoit Boulevard, Brockton, MA 02302.

PTBCV captures the essence of the Cape Verdean culture in California through an insightful look at individuals and organizations and their desire to maintain their cultural identity. Writer/Producer, Mike Costa’s film highlights the Cape Verdean, whose distinct classification of African and European roots present them as a robust ingredient in the “Melting Pot” we call America. The music of the Mendes Brothers, John & Ramiro is featured. Actor/Producer Michael Beach lends his voice talents as Narrator. “Proud to be Cape Verdean” has been critically acclaimed and was selected as an official entry in the 2012 Cabo Verde International Film Festival, 2013 Los Angeles Pan African Film Festival and the 2013 Roxbury International Film Festival. The film has been celebrated in New England, Europe, Cape Verde and California.

This one-hour documentary offers oral histories in conjunction with interviews, photographs and re-enactments that accurately depict the transition of small family gatherings where Cape Verdeans shared their love of their cuisine and music grew, inspired and eventually shaped the formation of non-profit Cape Verdean organizations dedicated to sustaining the legacy of their racially and linguistically rich culture while maintaining a strong connection to their East Coast ties and their home country of Cape Verde. Experts such as Gina Sanchez-Gibau, PhD, Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Indiana University/IUPUI, James Lopes, noted Cape Verdean Genealogist and Cape Verdean Ambassador to the United States, Fatima Veiga are featured. The DVD will be for sale. It features Portuguese and French subtitles.

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