



# AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL HARLEM, USA

FEBRUARY 15

**The Schomburg Center for  
Research in Black Culture  
and  
African Film Festival, Inc.  
present:**

***"Liberia: America's Stepchild"***

Directed by Nancy Oku Bright, USA / Liberia, 2002, 90min.

Once the pride and hope of black Africa, Liberia was founded in 1821 by American freeborn blacks and former slaves who returned to West African shores and the land of their ancestors. Liberia was also the home of indigenous tribes who were not always welcoming to the American expatriates. This documentary traces the aspirations, struggles, wars and volatile political history that led to the establishment of Africa's first independent republic and to the devastating civil war of the 1980's which lasted seven years and left the country in poverty and despair.

**A panel discussion with the filmmaker and guest panelists will follow the screening**

**The 14th Annual New York African Film Festival**

*Celebrating 50 years of Independence and Cinema*

**April 04 - 12** Walter Reade Theater @ Lincoln Center 212-875-5600

**April 20 - 21** Bronx Museum of the Arts 718-681-6000

**May 25 - 28** BAM Cinémathèque @ BAM Rose Cinemas 718-636-4100

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, @ 7:00PM**  
Schomburg Center, 515 Malcolm X Boulevard (at 135th)

**SAVE THE DATE** For more informations about this and other events, check us out at:  
[www.africanfilmny.org](http://www.africanfilmny.org)

**THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

**For more information call: 212.491.2229**

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