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NEWARK MAYORAL RACE IS THE FOCUS OF DOCUMENTARY

View the Film and Meet the Filmmaker

(Mahwah) – Film at the Berrie Center presents *Street Fight*, a film by Marshall Curry on Tuesday, September 27 in the Sharp Theater on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Screenings will be held at 1, 2:30 and 7 p.m.

An encounter with the filmmaker will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 5 p.m. in the Sharp Theater. Meet first-time documentarian Marshall Curry in a conversation with Dr. Clement A. Price, director of the Rutgers Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience at Rutgers University, Newark. Admission to both events is free.

Street Fight covers the turbulent campaign of Cory Booker, a 32-year-old Rhodes Scholar/Yale Law School graduate running for mayor of Newark, NJ against Sharpe James, a four-term incumbent twice his age. The film tells a gripping story of the underbelly of democracy, where elections are not about spin-doctors, media consultants or photo opportunities. In Newark, the viewer learns, elections are won and lost in the streets. *Street Fight* won awards at the HotDocs and Tribeca film festivals.

Both events are in the Sharp Theater, located at the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts on the Ramapo College campus. For more information call 201.684.7844.

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