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Spike Lee to Speak at Cal Poly Pomona

The 2003 Distinguished Lecture Series at Cal Poly Pomona features acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee. A partnership between the Office of Student Life and Cultural Centers and Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Bronco Events and Activities Team (B.E.A.T.), the Distinguished Lecture Series brings distinguished individuals to campus that focus on education, sports, journalism, entertainment, cultural values, social activism, and many other issues.

Spike Lee has established himself as one of the most important and influential filmmakers in the country by directing and producing films that touch on sensitive and controversial aspects of the African American community.

Lee's work has garnered a number of Academy Award nominations and distinctions including the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science's Student Award for the short subject film *Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads* in 1983 and a Prix de Jeunesse Award at the Cannes Film Festival for his 1986 debut film *She's Gotta Have It*.

Other works that also garnered acclaim include the Oscar nominated documentary *4 Little Girls*, the film *Jungle Fever*, *Bamboozled*, *Mo' Better Blues*, *Summer of Sam*, and *Malcolm X*.

Malcolm X is considered by many to be Lee's crowning achievement. The film, a biographical look at the controversial civil rights leader, was backed by many African American celebrities, including Bill Cosby, Oprah Winfrey, Michael Jordan, Janet Jackson, and Prince.

Spike Lee's lecture will be located in the Bronco Student Center Multipurpose Room on May 6, 2003 at 3 p.m.

For more information, please contact ASI B.E.A.T. at (909) 869-4455.

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