

# Film comes to Charlotte Friday

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Finally, Charlotteans will get to see the critically acclaimed film "Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored."

The film opens this weekend at two area theatres. WPEG-FM Power 98 holds a private screening tonight at 8 at University Place theater at Highway 29 and Harris Boulevard. A reception precedes the showing at 6:30. Donations are \$15 with pro-

ceeds going to the Henrietta Marie slave ship exhibit scheduled here in October at Spirit Square.

The film has played in limited release since January. It stars Phylicia Rashad ("Cosby Show"), Al Freeman Jr. ("Malcolm X") and Richard Roundtree ("Shaft").

The movie is an adaptation of a novel by Clifton Taulbert. It centers on a family living in the midst of the segregated South, but manages to maintain its dignity and morals.

"Once Upon A Time" was filmed in Wilmington in late '94 on a shoestring budget, according to director Tim Reid. Despite setbacks, the film has gained praise from the country's toughest critics. Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert gave it "two thumbs up." Ebert went on to say the film's message "is about the universal human spirit." Kevin Thomas of the Los Angeles Times called it "splendid," and said "it's a beautifully wrought film in all its aspects."

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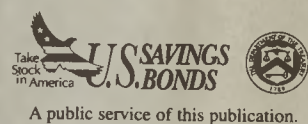
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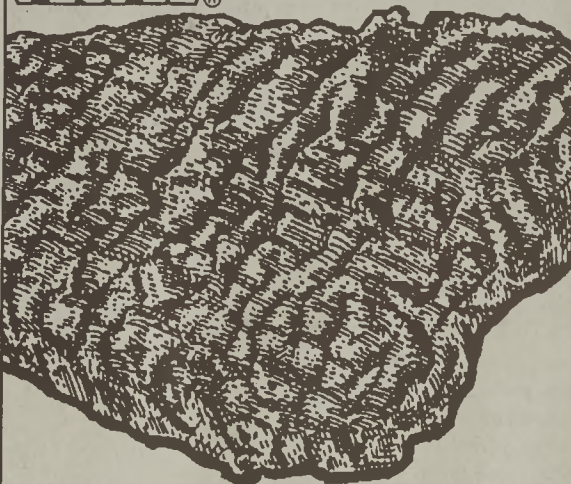
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