

Exhibit honors Charlotte Art League's friend

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tall.
Ogarro had HIV and ended up living in a lower-rent, dangerous neighborhood.

One of his autobiographical paintings is called "I Use To Be Somebody."
Joan Vitale of the Charlotte Art League said, "Charles was like a good black Jew"

for his skill at kibitzing, talking and giving advice. He was knowledgeable about the war in Iraq, politics and history.

Aisha Dew returns to Charlotte

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watching her write, direct and create on a daily basis," Dew said.
But the nurturing didn't stop there.

teen taught by example the importance of providing programming that had the ability to reach everyone and effect change, even if with only one person.

regional director of Wolf Trap Early Learning through the Arts, both in Bridgeport. In addition, she produced and directed 15 shows, including "The Wiz," "Grease," "Antigone," "Peter Pan," "Alice in Wonderland," "The Trials of Teendoom," "Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters," and "Shut Up: I'm Talking : Exaggerations of My Everyday Life."

"My first director at Afro American Children's Theater, Doris Frazier, taught me how to break out of shyness and perform on stage," Dew remembers. "Scott Miller, who was at Children's Theater when I was a

Dew took that knowledge and nurturing and went on to build an enviable career as a producer and highly regarded arts administrator. She founded the Hall Neighborhood House Performing Arts Program and was

Spike Lee's top 10 joints: So many movies, so little space

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Oscar for the epic "Malcolm X?"

This movie wasn't widely released and only grossed a half a million in box office receipts.

biggest black movie stars of the time in starring roles, Washington and Snipes.

In his career, Lee has only been nominated for two Academy Awards. That is a travesty, but I digress.

Former Carolina Panther Rod Smart actually inspired the title of the film. Remember the NFL? Smart was the player known as "He Hate Me."

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So, what are Lee's top 10 films? Here's what I think:

"She Hate Me" was the last film Ossie Davis appeared in before his death in 2005.

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10. "She's Gotta Have It" (1986)
This was Lee's first feature film, which was shot over 12 days in black and white. It tells the story of Nola Darling, a young woman who has three boyfriends but she won't commit to any of them. This is the film that made the line, "please, baby, please" a pop culture mamstay. And this was also Lee's acting debut. He played Mars Blackmon, who goes on to star in several Nike commercials.

7. "Inside Man" (2006)
This is Lee's most commercially successful movie and unlike John Singleton, he didn't have to sell his soul to make a commercial film. It's still a Spike Lee joint with political twists and digs. The movie also stars Denzel Washington, so how could it not be one of Lee's best?

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Another important role this movie played in black movie history, is the move away from blaxploitation films. According to the New York Times, "She's Gotta Have It" ushered in the American independent film movement of the 1980s.

This crime drama deals with a bank robbery, but in true Lee fashion, it isn't your typical cops and robbers movie. There are rumors of a sequel to "Inside Man." This would be a first.

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"It was also a groundbreaking film for African-American filmmakers and a welcome change in the representation of blacks in American cinema, depicting men and women of color not as pimps and whores, but as intelligent, upscale urbanites," the paper opined in 1986.

6. "Clockers" (1995)
This has to be one of Lee's bloodiest movies. It opens with someone's brains splattered on the sidewalk. This is Mekhi Phifer's first starring role and Lee found a diamond in him.

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8. "Crooklyn" (1994)
This movie is about Troy, a little girl growing up in 1970s Brooklyn and her family. The movie was written by Lee and his sister Joie. It's somewhat autobiographical - the mother, played by Alfre Woodard is a school teacher and the father, played by Delroy Lindo, is a jazz musician-just like Lee's parents.

The movie is about a low-level drug dealer who talks his brother into committing a murder that he was ordered to do. Critics loved the movie and because of "Clockers" shows like "The Corner" and "The Wire" were given a green light.

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9. "She Hate Me" (2004)
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5. "Jungle Fever" (1991)
This movie put Halle Berry on the map. However, Sam Jackson really made this movie. Gator, the character Jackson played, was a funny crackhead. The plot, however, centers around the affair of a married black man, Flipper (Wesley Snipes) and a white woman, Angie (Annabella Sciorra). Flipper had a light skinned wife who tells him that he just had to have a white woman because he was so dark.

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The lore of this movie is that Lee told Berry she was too pretty to play a crackhead, so this chick didn't wash and hung out in crack-houses to research the role. It worked, because Berry was almost unrecognizable in the role.

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What could be more important to a young man these days than sports? School. O'Neal is well-rounded, and balances his extracurricular activities not to outweigh his education. O'Neal is a fifth grade TD Program (Talented and Development Program) student at Tuckaseegee Elementary School. He prides himself in staying on the Honor Roll, and he hasn't missed a day in school since kindergarten. His favorite subject is math, which is good considering he's quite intrigued with space and NASA. Already setting the stage to be a leader, O'Neal is student body president.

O'Neal is the son of Roderick and Regina Gambrell, big brother to sister Breana, and little brother to Dante Gambrell. The family worships at The United House of Prayer, where O'Neal is involved in music, and is aspiring to be part of the junior band.

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