



**PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS PREMIERES AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY *QUEST*
WITH DIRECTOR JON OLSHEFSKI AND GUESTS TONY BUBA AND JASIRI X**

Award-winning documentary *Quest* will premiere Friday, January 5, 2018 with a photo exhibition, opening reception, screening, and discussion with director Jon Olshefski and special guests Tony Buba and Jasiri X

PITTSBURGH, PA (December 20, 2017) – Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts (PF/PCA), is excited to announce the [Pittsburgh premiere of the award-winning documentary film *Quest*](#), directed by Pittsburgh native Jonathan Olshefski.

Quest opens at Regent Square Theater on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 7:00pm, followed by a Q&A with the director, Tony Buba, and Jasiri X. The film is preceded by a photography exhibition and opening reception at Concept Art Gallery, which is next door to the theater, from 5:00 - 7:00pm. The photos, 35mm prints taken by Olshefski, capture the documentary's early years. *Quest* screens daily at 6:00pm and 8:00pm through January 18.



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“An intimate and patient portrait of a North Philadelphia family [...] I’ve rarely seen a movie about citizenship as quietly eloquent as ‘Quest.’”

- New York Times Critic's Pick

“Superb. A living, breathing, stunning documentary.”

- Variety

Filmed with vérité intimacy for nearly a decade, *Quest* is the moving portrait of the Rainey family of North Philadelphia. Beginning at the dawn of the Obama presidency, Christopher "Quest" Rainey, and his wife, Christine's "Ma Quest" raise a family while nurturing a community of hip hop artists in their home music studio. It's a safe space where all are welcome, but this creative sanctuary can't always shield them from the strife that grips their neighborhood. Epic in scope, *Quest* is a vivid illumination of race and class in America, and a testament to love, healing and hope.

Named as one of the *25 New Faces in Independent Film* by [Filmmaker Magazine](#) in 2017, and [New York Times](#)' *9 New Directors You Need to Watch*, Olshefski grew up in Squirrel Hill and Turtle Creek and attended elementary school in the Wilksburg neighborhood of Pittsburgh before moving to Philadelphia after graduating from high school in 2000. “My filmmaking journey started in Pittsburgh, making videos with friends during my highschool years,” says Olshefski, “This is where my passion started. This is where I learned that creative collaboration leads to deep bonds.”

“When I first met Christopher “Quest” Rainey he was a bit skeptical of me as a white guy just showing up on his doorstep through a serendipitous invitation from his brother,” Olshefski explains. “But he learned that I was from Pittsburgh, and he revealed that he was a huge Steelers fan. There was an instant connection. We came together on that Steeler Nation level, and he invited me to take photographs in the studio, which was the start of a ten year journey. Quest’s studio is plastered with Steelers’ imagery. If not for the shared love for a sports team, there is a chance that we wouldn’t have connected. That small commonality is what put things over the edge and compelled us to reach out beyond that initial introduction and begin a collaboration that would forever change both of our lives.”

An official selection at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival, *Quest* has garnered critics’ praise and multiple Grand Jury awards from The Cleveland International Film Festival, Full Frame, Baltimore International Black Film Festival, among others.

Quest Opening Reception: Friday, January 5, 2018
5:00 - 7:00pm: Photo Exhibition & Reception, Concept Art Gallery
7:00 - 10:00pm: Screening & Discussion, Regent Square Theater

Quest screens daily at 6:00 & 8:00pm at Regent Square Theater (1035 S Braddock Ave) through January 18 (closed Mondays)

Photo exhibition on view through January 18 at Concept Art Gallery (1031 S Braddock Ave)

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