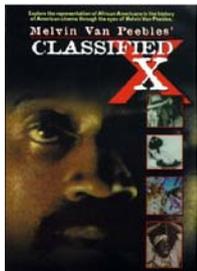




American Actor, Writer and Director
Mario Van Peebles visits Finland
January 30 – February 7, 2010

Mario Van Peebles has been invited to Finland by the U.S. Embassy and the National Audiovisual Archive of Finland (KAVA). His visit is part of KAVA's African-American Film Retrospective at the Orion movie theatre and of the Embassy's Black History Month (February) celebrations.

Van Peebles will open the retrospective at Orion Theatre, Eerikinkatu 15, on Monday, February 1 at 18:00. His introductory remarks are entitled "*American film and American culture and how things are changing.*" The remarks will be followed by a screening of the movie **Classified X**, by Mark Daniels, starting at 19:00. All are welcome to attend!



Classified X by Mark Daniels

*With candor and wit, narrator **Melvin Van Peebles** presents 100 years of Hollywood's movie representation of African Americans in cinema.*

Van Peebles will also speak at the following movie screenings in Orion: **Sweet Sweetback's Baadasssss Song** (Tue, February 2, at 19:00) and **Baadasssss!** (Fri, February 6, at 19:00)

More information (in Finnish) about the African-American Movie Retrospective can be found from the website of the National Audiovisual Archives at <http://www.kava.fi/esitykset/kevat-2010/black-history-month>

Van Peebles will also visit Tampere on Wednesday, February 3 and is going to give a lecture on "*The Present and Future of American Film: Director's View*" at the Tampere University. He will also speak at Arthouse Cinema Niagara at 18:15.

In Oulu, Van Peebles will speak about the "*History of African-Americans in Cinema*" at Studio Cinema on Friday, February 5 at 18:00. There will be a screening of **Posse** (1993) by Mario Van Peebles both in Tampere and Oulu.

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