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Horace Jenkins' *CANE RIVER*, restored by IndieCollect,
to screen as part of the Walker Arts Center's
["Lost Films & Restorations" Summer Film Series](#)
Minneapolis, July 24 - 26, 2019



We are honored and excited that the Walker Arts Center is featuring two screenings of the rarely-seen *CANE RIVER* (1982) by Horace Jenkins.

Tickets are available for the following dates:

Wednesday, July 24 at 7pm

Friday, July 26 at 7pm

[Buy your tickets here](#)

A Love Story Set in One of the First Free Communities of Color

A Romeo & Juliet love story with a delightful surprise ending, *Cane River* is set near Natchitoches, Louisiana, in one of the first "free communities of color." The young couple (played by Richard Romain and Tommye Myrick) confront schisms of class and color that still roil America today.

Lost and Found

The re-emergence of *CANE RIVER* was the focus of a major story in the [New York Times](#). Director Horace Jenkins won four Emmy Awards and the Oscar Micheaux Award, and co-developed the ground-breaking PBS series, "Black Journal." But in 1983, he died of a sudden heart attack at the age of 42, just before the film was due to be released. *CANE RIVER* – a labor of love and a film of great artistry – would lie abandoned in the DuArt vault for the next 35 years. In 2013, the IndieCollect team found the original negative in the vault of DuArt Film & Video and the film was given a home at the Academy Film Archive. AFA curator Ed Carter located the movie's original editor, Debi Moore. With her guidance, and vital legwork by New York Times stringer John Anderson, IndieCollect was able to trace the cast and crew and learn more about this extraordinary film, which Richard Brody in the [New Yorker](#) hails as "*a major rediscovery.*"

Q&A with Special Guests

Following both screenings, there will be a conversation with lead actress Tommye Myrick and Sandra Schulberg, who led the restoration team.



The Academy Film Archive / indieCollect Collaboration

The new 4K digital version of *CANE RIVER* was created by IndieCollect using a new 35mm print struck by the Academy Film Archive from the 35mm film negative.

If you live in the Twin Cities, you'll enjoy discovering this fascinating and entertaining love letter to the Cane River region of Louisiana.

See you at the Walker!

Sandra Schulberg and the IndieCollect team

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