

Life is hard. Life is short. Life is painful. Life is rich. Life is....Precious.



THE SOCIOLOGY FILM SERIES PRESENTS:

precious

An urban nightmare with a surfeit of soul, "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" is like a diamond -- clear, bright, but oh so hard. To simply call it harrowing or unsparing doesn't quite cut it; "Precious" is also courageous and uncompromising. Adapted by Damien Paul from the work by one-time Harlem teacher and poet Sapphire, the film tells the story of Claireece "Precious" Jones, an obese and illiterate 16 year-old who lives in a Harlem tenement with her abusive mother. Pregnant for the second time by her father and on the verge of being kicked out of school, Precious fights to find a way out of her traumatic daily existence through imagination and fantasy. When she looks in the mirror, she sees a pretty, white, thin, blonde girl. In her mind there is another world, one in which, unlike her real one, she is loved and appreciated. Threatened with expulsion, Precious is offered the chance to transfer to an alternative school. In the literacy workshop taught by the patient yet firm Ms. Rain, Precious begins a journey that will lead her from darkness, pain and powerlessness to light, love and self-determination.

TUESDAY
MAY 4

5-300
6:00 PM

Free and open to the MCC Community & the public.
Discussion to follow the film. Light refreshments will be served.
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