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## **WGVU presents Independent Cinema at the UICA** **Series Continues on April 7 with *Crips and Bloods: Made in America***

**(Grand Rapids, MI, April 1, 2009)** On Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m., WGVU continues the Independent Cinema series at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts with the film *Crips and Bloods: Made in America*. A discussion will follow with local panelists, including Jim Houston, professor with the School of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University and Oliver Wilson, of the Office of Multicultural Affairs at GVSU.

It's a civil war that's lasted 40 years. Passed down from son to son. Fought eye for an eye. Over 15,000 dead and counting, while the world stands by. Welcome to South Central Los Angeles. But what's at the root of this long-standing battle? Filmmaker Stacy Peralta hits the streets of LA to find out, and speaks with former and current members of the Bloods and the Crips, two of the most notorious and violent street gangs in America.

This screening event is part of the ITVS Community Cinema program. The film will also air on Tuesday, May 12 at 10 p.m. on WGVU HD as part of the PBS series *Independent Lens*.

Free screenings of *Independent Lens* films are held the first Tuesday of every month. For more on the Independent Cinema series, including upcoming dates and films, visit [wgvu.org/cinema](http://wgvu.org/cinema) or [myspace.com/independentcinemagr](http://myspace.com/independentcinemagr).

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