



## **THE MORRIS MUSEUM, Morristown, N.J.**

### **THE VINTAGE YEARS - Black Film's Early Days**

**June 24 - November 23, 2008**

The Morris Museum, a major New Jersey cultural institution in historic Morristown, will host an important exhibition of vintage film posters on loan from the Separate Cinema Archive, *THE VINTAGE YEARS; Black Film's Early Days*. This exhibition of magnificent graphic work, originally produced for African-American audiences by pioneering independent film companies operating parallel to the Hollywood system, features rare posters for films produced, scripted and directed by black filmmakers, with entirely African-American casts. Museum visitors will surely recognize the names and faces of those actors who also worked in mainstream Hollywood films – Paul Robeson, Lena Horne, Ethel Waters, Stepin Fetchit, Mantan Moreland and others—and will also be introduced to film personalities heretofore lost to history.

In addition to the cultural and historical themes of the exhibition, visitors will experience the superb graphic art of early film posters, with their innovative design, beautiful drawing, and rich color, unequalled by commercial modern day movie advertising.

The Morris Museum brings art, history, science and theater to the citizens of New Jersey and surrounding mid-Atlantic area. Established in 1913, the museum's exhibitions, collections, and educational programs adhere to the highest standards of museum presentation for the enjoyment of its large and diverse audience. The Morris Museum is located at 6 Normandy Heights Road, in the Normandy Park Historic District, Morristown, New Jersey, (973) 971-3700, and on the web at [www.morrismuseum.org](http://www.morrismuseum.org)

**To Book This Exhibit** for your museum, or any of the other different theme exhibits available from the Separate Cinema Archive contact: John Kisch at (845) 452-1998.

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