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**WHAT: Six Stories from Philadelphia Stories 7**  
**WHEN: Tuesday, August 3, 2010**  
**WHERE: L'Etage, NW Corner, 6th and Bainbridge, Philadelphia 19147**

Philadelphia, PA - This PIFVA Cinema Speakeasy, in collaboration with MiND TV, will showcase six 5-minute non-fiction videos from MiND TV's independent film series *Philadelphia Stories 7*. This exciting new screening will showcase local work, at the informal and intimate cabaret space of L'Etage where patrons can enjoy food and beverages while watching films. Meet members of the creative teams making the videos who will be attending in person to engage in conversation about their projects. Hebert Peck, Producer of *Philadelphia Stories*, will be our host and engage the creative teams in lively conversation. Witness Philadelphia's unique history through this tapestry of films, perspectives and voices.

***Philadelphia's Scribe by Tina Morton***

This film chronicles the 25-year history of Scribe Video Center. Scribe is a media arts organization, founded by award winning filmmaker Louis Massiah, which teaches video production skills for nominal fees, giving many people and non-profit community groups access to the video and editing facilities within the Philadelphia region.

***Harvey Finkle's Photography by Joy Butts***

For the past 41 years, Harvey Finkle has given numerous activist groups, otherwise overlooked by mainstream media, the opportunity to tell their story through the medium of photography. This film showcases his extraordinary ability to capture the grassroots movements for social, economic, political and cultural change as they happen in the streets of Philadelphia. Through this documentary Harvey reaches out to the public to continue his call to action on the relevant issues that define the groups he photographs.

***Porches by Tatiana Bacchus, Cymande Lewis, David Allen Ruth***

Through candid conversations, this film captures the oral traditions and historical events of 5 African American women who have lived in Philadelphia for decades and witnessed the city's highs and lows, , Porches honors those who came before us and in many ways paved the way.

### ***Restoring La Comunidad by Big Picture Alliance***

This work is a student-created video from the teen-program run by the Big Picture Alliance in conjunction with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Taller Puertorriqueño and Congreso de Latinos Unidos. In part, it documents the students who produced the video in the act of creating community revitalization art. In this very public work, these students challenge community residents to better their living conditions. They work to create large word sculptures in Spanish, each representing the stages of community change: reparar (realize), soporte (support), and restore. These semi-permanent installations are public reminders to embody the changes community members want as individuals but feel are impossible because of a lack of community direction and initiative. To supplement their artwork, the student crew ask community members on the street about the problems they face and how best to make a concerted effort to improve the neighborhood. They discuss everything from education to drug use to local government and more.

### ***Illvibe! by Rashid Zakat and Kali Baker-Johnson***

This work is about the up and coming Philadelphia DJ crew, The Illvibe Collective. Consisting of a diverse group of DJs, the Illvibe collective has been growing their respected brand of 90s style turntablism since 2000. The Illvibe collective throws consistently successful parties, release regularly listened to podcasts, travel the world to DJ, host a successful radio show and have shared the stage with such notable acts as Gang Starr, King Britt, Jazzy Jeff, Q-Bert, Cee-Lo, Les Nubians, Public Enemy, Prince Paul, The New Deal, Zap Mama, Nelly. The Illvibe collective is unique to the Philadelphia hip hop scene in their "Do It Yourself" mentality, their old school aesthetic, and their attention to every sonic detail.

### ***The New Scenery by Black Lily***

In the summer of 2009, as part of the Black Lily Girls Workshop, a group of ten girls ages 11-15 wrote, shot, directed, and edited a music video for Grammy-nominated recording artist Wayna. New Scenery is their end result. The Black Lily Girls Workshop is a project of the Black Lily Film & Music Festival for Women funded by The Valentine Foundation.

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For information on *Philadelphia Stories 7*, go to <http://www.philadelphiastories.tv/s7-winners.html> or Contact Kim Kunda at [kkunda@mindtv.org](mailto:kkunda@mindtv.org) or 215-483-3900 ext. 209.

For information on Philadelphia Independent Film/Video Association (PIFVA), go to [www.pifva.org](http://www.pifva.org)

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