

DETROIT. MY MUSE FILM PROGRAMME

DETROIT, the city of contrasts, mostly associated with decay and negative performances in rankings and statistics, has become a place of inspiration for 21st century creatives and a hot spot for international urban explorers.

This film programme presents four documentaries, which shed light on different facets of Detroit: ‚Requiem for Detroit‘ provides a dystopian perspective of how the American Dream turned into a nightmare. By contrast, the return to nature and community in ‚Detroit Wild City‘ and the resilience of character presented in ‚Grown in Detroit‘ offer a more optimistic view. ‚Detropia‘ is focusing on the hard work that people in Detroit undertake to survive.

A short introduction to each film will be held by students of the HafenCity University Hamburg. This film programme is part of the course „Detroit, my Muse“ offered at Q-Studies/HafenCity University Hamburg in the summer semester 2014.

Metropolis Kino | KL.Theaterstraße 10, Hamburg
Admission: 7 Euro/4 Euro

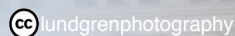
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| 12.06. | DETROPIA |
| 19:00 h | US 2012, 90min, R: H. Ewing & R. Grady |
| 18.06. | DETROIT WILD CITY |
| 19:00 h | F 2011, 80min, R: Florent Tillon |
| 25.06. | GROWN IN DETROIT |
| 19:00 h | NL 2009, 60min, R: M. & M. Poppenk |

Nochtspeicher | Bernhard-Nocht-Str. 69a, Hamburg
Entrance free

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| 02.07. | REQUIEM FOR DETROIT? |
| 20:00 h | UK 2010, 75min, R: Julien Temple |

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DETROIT TIMELINE

RISE AND FALL

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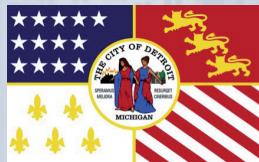
Detroit

founded by french explorer Antoine Laumet de La Mothe - Sieur de Cadillac.

1804

"Speramus meliora, resurget cineribus"

"We hope for better things; it will arise from the ashes" (lat.) After a major fire this slogan was placed on the flag of Detroit.



1908

Tin Lizzie

Nickname for Ford's "Model T" - the most influential car of the 20th century.



1928

8 Mile Road

A state highway which runs along the northern boundary of Detroit. Today famous for its cultural dividing. In 2002 the Hip Hop Movie „8 Mile“ starring Eminem was released.



1914

Five Dollar Day

Henry Ford's 5\$ per work-day attracted thousands for workers to come to Detroit.

1959

Motown

Famous American record company for soul and pop music was founded. Top artists are Diana Ross, Marvin Gaye & Stevie Wonder.



1973

The Renaissance Center

A huge seven skyscraper complex in downtown Detroit. The world's largest private development project (financed by Henry Ford II) should revive the inner city - without effect!



1980

Rust Belt

Updated nickname for "manufacturing belt" describing the rusty leftovers of the heavy industries combined with the devastated society.

1986

The Heidelberg Project

Art project using everyday objects to create art within a two block area on Detroit's abandoned East Side.



1950

1.85 Mio inhabitants

1984

Devil's Night

The night before Halloween expanded into uncontrolled vandalism - arson was running the streets.

1967

12th Street Riot

One of the most destructive race riots in Detroit. It came up between the police and visitors of an unlicensed after-hours bar: 43 people died, 473 were injured.

1997

Earthworks Urban Farm

An urban farming project which inspired the whole neighborhood to grow own vegetables.

2006

Museum of Contemporary Art of Detroit

A non-collecting institution in Detroit's cultural center, meeting point for the new young creatives of Detroit

2013

681.090 inhabitants

2008

Kwame Kilpatrick

Mayor of Detroit. Convicted with corruption, fraud, and racketeering. He was sentenced to 28 years in prison.

1912

Michigan Central Station

Tallest railroad station at its time is completed.