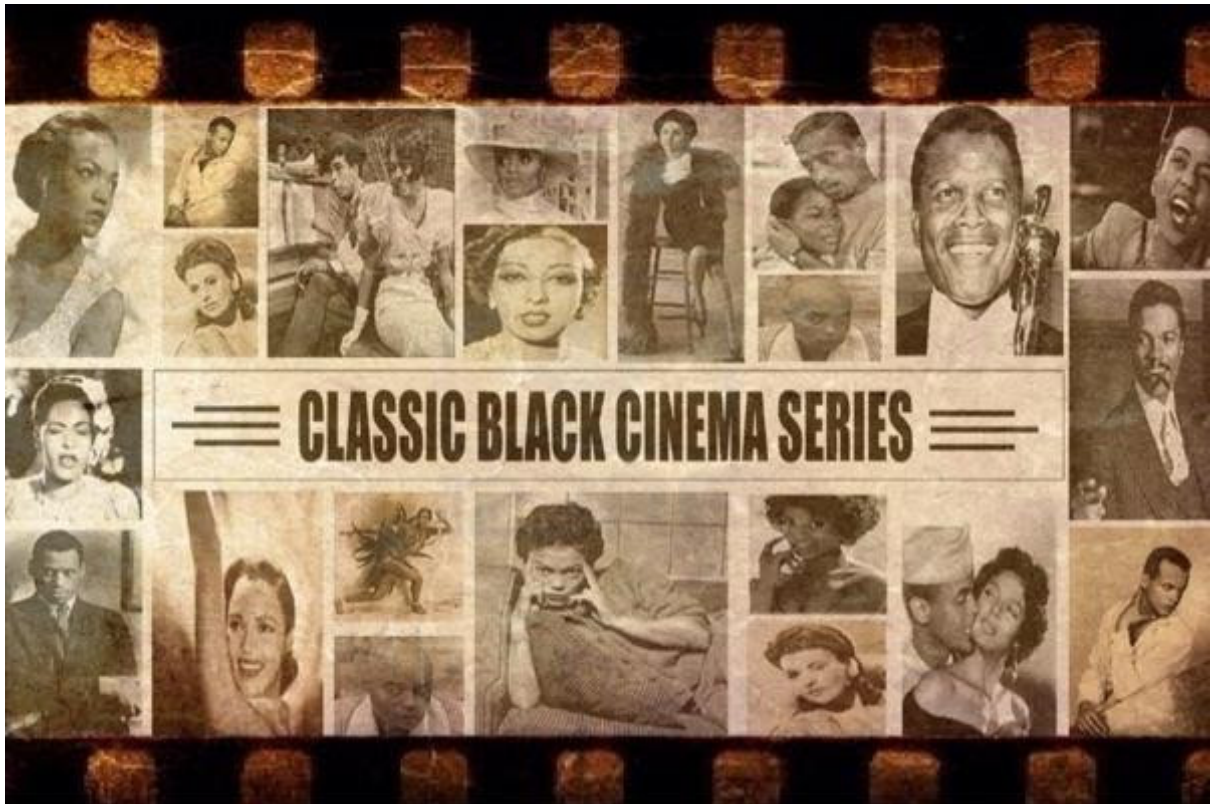


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Since [The Literary Festival of Charlotte](#) is a nonprofit organization it strongly relies on the generosity of individuals. We ask you to help us bring consciousness of the arts to our communities.

Our friend's from the [Classic Black Cinema Series](#) will be hosting a fundraising screening of the iconic film *The Emperor Jones* starring Paul Robeson this Thursday.



Of all Paul Robeson's eleven starring film performances, by far his most iconic was his breakthrough in the big-screen adaptation of playwright, Eugene O'Neill's *The Emperor Jones*. O'Neill's early work often combined memorable characters and stories with social commentary and innovative theatrical concepts. Robeson was already a legend for his stage incarnation of Brutus Jones, but with this, his first sound-era film role, his regal image was married to his booming voice for eternity. With *The Emperor Jones*, Robeson became the first African-American leading man in mainstream movies and, he said, gained a deeper understanding of cinema's potential to change racial misconceptions. --and among his first great successes was *THE EMPEROR JONES*, which starred perhaps the single finest black actor of the 1920s and 1930s, Paul Robeson.

**Screening Details:**  
**Thursday, September 14th**  
**7pm**  
**Little Rock Cultural Center**  
**401 N. Myers Street**  
**Charlotte, NC 28205**

**Suggested Donation \$10 (accepted at the door)**

(Complimentary popcorn and refreshments will be served. After the film stay for a discussion on the historical significance of the film moderated by film curator, Felix Curtis.)

If you cannot attend and would still like to make a donation to this year's Literary Festival you can do so below:

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SHARE THE GREAT NEWS! The Literary Festival of Charlotte is returning this fall. That's right, our largest event will be held at the historically rich Little Rock Cultural Center in Charlotte, NC

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017 from 11:00am - 6:00pm**

We are hoping to make this year's event the biggest and best yet. We are excited about this year's gifted talent, enlightening author readings, storytelling, spoken word, rhythmic song, dance, drumming, workshops and so much more fun.

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