



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 21, 2008

Contact: Tammy Nguyen Lee
Tel.: 214.646.9309
Email: TNLee@amspg.com

AMS PICTURES' BLACK HISTORY UNCOVERED SERIES HITS LOS ANGELES
Pan African Film & Arts Festival announces line-up

Dallas, TX – In time for Black History Month, The Pan African Film & Arts Festival announced its festival line up this past week. Among the films accepted were AMS Pictures' own critically-acclaimed Black History Uncovered series, which includes the four documentaries *Rising from the Rails: The Pullman Porter Story*; *Flying for Freedom: Untold Stories of the Tuskegee Airmen*; *In the Shadow of Hollywood: Race Movies and the Birth of Black Cinema* and *A Colored Life: The Herb Jeffries Story*.

Andy Streitfeld, Executive Producer and AMS CEO, is excited that this body of work will reach a large audience in a major market. This series is an uplifting and contemporary look at less explored, yet equally inspiring, chapters in the African American legacy. "They are stories that every American should watch, young and old." The films are currently being shopped by several cable networks for distribution.

A Colored Life, the first film to screen during the festival, will take place on opening weekend, Friday, February 8th at 1 pm and Saturday, February 9th at 1:20 pm. Producer/Director Kim Clemons says, "I'm proud to have Herb Jeffries as the subject of my first documentary. I am equally excited and grateful for the opportunity to share his amazing life story at the PAFF."

Director Brad Osborne has two films screening. "It's an honor to have *Rising from the Rails* and *In the Shadow of Hollywood* accepted into the PAFF, and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to share the films with audiences. I think these are stories that need to be told. My hope is that we've helped to resurrect important—and mostly forgotten—history." *Rising from the Rails* screens on Saturday, February 9th at 11:30 am and Sunday February 10th at 4:30 pm. *In the Shadow of Hollywood* screens on Sunday, February 10th at 4:30 pm and Tuesday, February 12th at 1:00 pm.

Tom Rubeck, co-producer of *Flying for Freedom* says, "I am so excited that our film has been accepted into the PAFF. It's an incredible story of the fight for justice and equality. Even though the action takes place over sixty years ago, the sentiments and struggles remain true for today." Co-producer Monika Watkins agrees. "It's a wonderful tribute when American experiences that are omitted from the history books are finally shared to the people in our community. Those lives and voices should be celebrated." The documentary screens on Tuesday, February 12th at 1:30 pm.

Other topics relevant to African American history and current events are discussed on the blogspot at www.blackhistoryuncovered.com. All four films are available on DVD through www.amspictures.com. For more information on the film festival, please visit www.paff.org.

###

For more information on the film or to request an interview, please contact Tammy Nguyen Lee via phone at 214.646.9309 or visit www.amspictures.com