

Dare Not Walk Alone

Reactions, Responses, Results

The first public screening of Jeremy Dean's **Dare Not Walk Alone** was in February, 2006. The 400-seat Ritz Theater in Jacksonville was packed and people had to be turned away. The second Florida screening a week later packed the 800-seat Flagler College Auditorium and 500 people returned later that same night for an impromptu second showing. At each of these screenings the audience rose for two standing ovations: the first occasioned by a roll call of the 1964 St. Augustine Civil Rights marchers; the second by the rolling of the final credits. Here is a sample of written comments from people who saw the film at these screenings:

- Outstanding! Everyone needs to see this!
- Thank you so much. You have opened my heart and my mind to this problem.
- Greatly needed! Provocative! Profound! And right on time!
- Your film is life changing and life giving.
- Absolutely phenomenal.
- Amazing, moving, and about time!
- This documentary is long overdue. Bravo!
- Educational and amazing.
- Heart wrenching.
- Excellent documentary!
- This is a powerful film! To be reminded of the prices so many paid, and also challenged by what is still to be done, has been an overwhelming experience.
- I am inspired and moved!!
- Very moving. I learned a lot and want to see it again.
- Great way for students, adults, to connect and learn.
- Absolutely incredible. Really surfaced a lot of issues that are in desperate need of consideration. Extremely thought provoking.
- Magnificent! Very powerful!
- You hit a lot of essential points. The film will really raise awareness and I commend all who worked on the film and hope that there is more we can do as a community to change.

- Get this movie out to as many people as possible.
- This film will open lots of eyes and hearts, including mine, to this problem.
- Long overdue. Genius. Top notch and done with love. Life changing and much needed. Hats off to Jeremy Dean for conquering this tough issue.
- Awesome! Incredible. Thank you so much for devoting your life to shed light for others.
- So powerful and moving; an experience everyone should have.

Dare Not Walk Alone has been shown at eight film festivals as of October, 2006:

- Cinequest, the San José Film Festival, "One of world's top 10 festivals"
- Independent Black Film Festival, Atlanta
- Florida Film Festival, Orlando
- Jacksonville Film Festival
- San Francisco Black Film Festival
- 30th Annual Atlanta Film Festival
- Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
- Connecticut Film Festival

An Effective Call to Action: As a direct result of seeing the film, state and local politicians convened a meeting to address housing conditions in St. Johns County. A screening tour of Florida's Historically Black Colleges and Universities went to Bethune-Cookman College, Florida Memorial University, Florida A&M University and Edward Waters College.

Critical Acclaim

"The most gritty version of civil rights history I've ever seen" says Peter Miller, Co-producer of Ken Burns' Jazz.

"An important tool for showing the bravery of those who struggled for equality during the civil rights movement...it goes far beyond past history and exposes issues that we face everyday in the continued struggle for equality" says A. Duncan, CEO, Chicago Public Schools.