***Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities***

 **Event Intro Script**

Thank you joining us! My name is <insert name>, and welcome to **Indie Lens Pop-Up**, presented by <your organization> and <your local PBS station>.

Today’s sneak preview screening is Oscar-nominated *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities*by Stanley Nelson and Marco Williams. The film premieres on *Independent Lens* on PBS **Monday, February 19** at 9:00/8:00c [NOTE: confirm with your local PBS station if there is a different local broadcast date and/or time]. Please help spread the word! Like us @IndependentLens on Facebook, use the hashtag #HBCUrising on Twitter, and talk about the film or this event on social media.

**[Pre-screening Audience Conversation Starter – Adapt As Needed]**

[Note: only mention this if you choose to administer audience surveys for this film] After the screening, please take a few minutes to fill out the audience survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us understand the impact of our Indie Lens Pop-Up screening series. Everyone who completes a survey is entered into a raffle for the chance to win a $100 Amazon gift card!

Indie Lens Pop-Up is about sparking conversations and getting to know your community better--we’d love for you to share your response to the following question with your seat neighbors and on social media to help kick off tonight’s discussion!

**Conversation Starter:**

What was your most memorable school experience? #HBCUrising

[If time permits, ask a few participants to share their thoughts with the group]

Thank you for sharing your story.

In a moment, we will watch *Tell Them We Are Rising: The Story of Black Colleges and Universities* – a documentary that explores the pivotal role historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) have played over the course of 150 years in American history, culture, and identity. This film reveals the rich history of HBCUs and the power of higher education to transform lives and advance civil rights and equality in the face of injustice.

We invite you to sit back and enjoy the film, but also to stay with us after and join the conversation. <Insert more about your engagement activity or special guests here.> Sign up for our newsletter in the lobby / follow us <insert social media handle> to receive updates on local Indie Lens Pop-Up events and upcoming broadcasts on *Independent Lens*.

A special thank you to our national partners: *Independent Lens*, ITVS, PBS, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and our local partners <insert your venue and community partners>. We hope you enjoy the show!

**AFTER THE FILM SCREENS**

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