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You're Invited America to Me Film Series

Critics Consensus from RottenTomatoes.com

"America to Me confronts hard questions through candid moments in a Chicago high school, crafting an exploration of race and class relations in America that is as insightful as it is inspiring."



"Affecting, insightful, and vital. Grade A."

America

Witness it through their eyes.



Dates:

February 4, 11, 25 | March 3, 10, 24, 31 April 21, 28 | May 5

Time: 5:00-7:00 pm

William Paterson University, College of Education Building 1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 07470 Valley Road Auditorium, 1st floor

No cost to attend or registration necessary!

"America to Me" Film Series is a 2018 American documentary television series directed by Steve James, produced by Kartemquin Films and Participant Media. The 10-episode series was filmed during 2015-2016 school year at Oak Park and River Forest High School located in Oak Park, Illinois. The series chronicles the daily life of twelve students spanning "all the grades and all the tracks within the school." Since the series premiere in August 2018, America to Me has received positive reviews from critics. On Metacritic it got the third highest score of any 2018 TV program (96, Universal Acclaim), making it the best reviewed new show of the year. The series has been praised for its "detailed look at inequality in America through the lens of a storied high school near Chicago," for "bitingly honest mediation of the ways race, class, and equity play out in Chicago's progressive suburb of Oak Park," and was pronounced a "testament to how individuals can persevere within a broken system, and how much harder that system makes it for some of them.