



## SIDNEY POITIER CLOSE UP



Academy award-winning actor, director, author and, yes, diplomat was Hollywood's first African American *movie star*. He was featured in more than 40 films, many of which made history by unflinchingly addressing race relations. This presentation will explore Poitier's extraordinary life and career, including a discussion of several of his important and much-loved films. These include *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Lilies of the Field* and *Guess Who's Coming for Dinner*.

**Monday, October 19, 2020**

**1: 30 to 3 pm**

**Presented by Angelo Parra:** Author of the acclaimed *The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith*, which was named among the "Top-Ten Off-Broadway Experiences" by the Daily News and was nominated for a 2012 Lucille Lortel Award and a 2018 Helen Hayes Award. Parra's honors include two NY Foundation for the Arts Fellowships – Scriptwriting and the 1998 Chican/Latino Literary Award (UC Irvine). In 2000 he was named a Tennessee Williams Scholar at the prestigious Sewanee Writers Conference. Parra is the Literary Manager at Penguin Repertory Theatre and a Performing Arts/English instructor at Rockland Community College.

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