



Next week, to mark Human Rights Day and the 20th anniversary of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, UNHCR, in partnership with the European Union and BOZAR, will screen the Brussels premier of Fruitvale Station.

Winner of both the Grand Jury Prize for dramatic feature and the Audience Award for U.S. dramatic film at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival, director Ryan Coogler's Fruitvale Station follows the last 24 hours in the life of Oscar Grant, a 22-year-old resident of the San Francisco Bay area, who was shot dead by a transport cop in the early hours of 2009. It's a sharp, earthy, convincing film about a true-life case; and a heartfelt memorial to the man at its center.

The film focuses on racial prejudice in the United States and brings to light the everyday discrimination people face based on the colour of their skin, their background or their physical appearance.

Unfortunately, racism is a global endemic, affecting the lives of millions of people every day. It

hinders progress, immobilizes the global workforce, and destroys societies. The struggle against racism is a matter of priority for the international community and is at the heart of the work of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. That is why Fruitvale Station is the perfect example of the human rights work of the United Nations in striving towards safeguarding rights for all.

The screening will be followed by 'Shine Your Light', an exceptional performance by the Dutch creative group PiPs-Lab, in which each member of the audience will be given a small light and asked to reply to questions relating to human rights. A spectacular magical experience will ensue. After which guests will enjoy a special birthday reception, marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

An unmissable film, an extraordinary evening, this Human Rights Day is set to be unforgettable.

The evening is the December instalment of Ciné-ONU, to attend please follow the link to register [here](#) .

