

Press Release

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***MORE THAN A BUS RIDE© "A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT
Unheralded Women Who Led Social And Legal Protests
That Reversed A United States Supreme Court Decision of 1896.***

February 1, 1956 four women filed a class action lawsuit, Browder V. Gayle in Federal District Court, Montgomery, Alabama charging the city of Montgomery, the State of Alabama, and the National City Bus Lines with operating buses in a racially segregated way that denied them, and others similarly situated, their 14th Amendment rights of: "due process and equal justice under the law".

Cosmo-D Productions with the assistance of Tougaloo College Art Department will present: "More Than A Bus Ride", a Photographic Exhibit to inform the public of the landmark case, Browder v Gayle and includes historical events, important legal cases from Dred Scott to Browder V. Gayle in 1956. The goal is to inform the public of Browder, it's impact on our 14th Amendment Rights and the ***"unheralded role" women played in 1955-56 to secure those rights.*** Fred Gray, Sr., Attorney for the plaintiffs said, ***"people see the demonstrations, but it was the court case that actually ended the boycott"***. Browder v Gayle barely gets a nod from historians and is seldom mentioned in textbooks even though it corrected the errors of the United States Supreme Court of 1896 in Plessy and **virtually opened the doors of citizenship to all Americans.**

In addition to the exhibit, we are providing some school districts with copies of our ground breaking Civil Rights and Civics Curriculum: "MORE THAN A BUS RIDE©".

The Photographic Exhibit will be on display at the Eudora Welty Library, 300 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi, beginning December 15, 2009 –January 15, 2010.

Teachers, students as well as the general public are encouraged to attend. A discussion and film about the Browder v Gayle lawsuit at the library will be announced. The exhibit will travel until the end Women's History Month, March 31, 2010. Please contact us at 601.594.6792 or morethanabusride@yahoo.com, if you would like to Co-Sponsor and or display the exhibit at a school, library or some other public space.

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