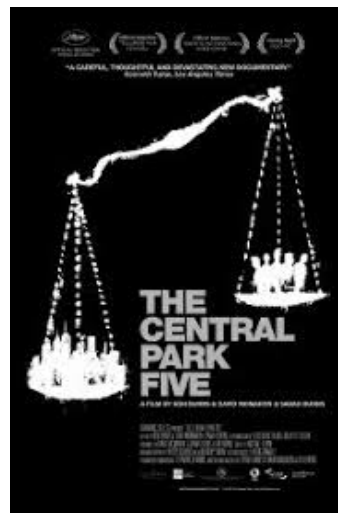




FILM CAPSULE: The Central Park Five (Ken Burns, Sarah Burns, 2012): USA

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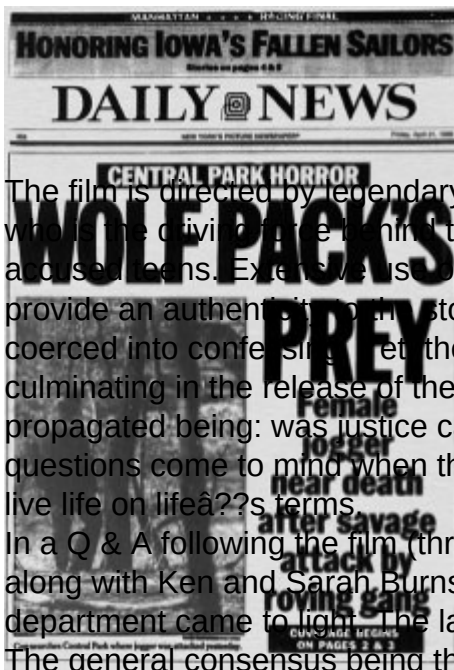


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Viewed at the AFI Fest 2012 at Egyptian Theatre

in Hollywood, Calif.

In 1989, five black and Latino teenagers from Harlem are arrested and convicted of raping a white woman jogging in New York City's Central Park. They are incarcerated in prison ranging between 6 and 13 years before a serial rapist confesses to one of the erroneously convicted that he alone had committed the crime, leading to the convictions of those erroneously imprisoned being overturned. Set against a backdrop of a decaying city beset by violence and racial tension during the mid 80's crack cocaine boom, [The Central Park Five](#), tells the story of crime, a miscarriage of justice, the push by the police for confessions, a sensationalized media frenzy clamoring for emotionally charged stories and a public pushed to the brink with the common place Central Park "wildings" occurring each weekend, and the five lives upended by the police department, the prosecutor's office and the New York City Mayor's Office. The five youths admitted they were in the park that evening committing other crimes.



In a Q & A following the film (three of the Central Park Five were present and participated in a panel along with Ken and Sarah Burns), a civil suit against the prosecutor's office and the police department came to light. The lawsuit is now nine years old and depositions haven't even begun. The general consensus being that two to three more years will pass before the depositions are completed. Then, and only then, will the case be heard.

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