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AHEAD OF TIME - An Independent Film

THE ARTS COUNCIL and **Gainesville State College** proudly present The Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers. The tour is a unique interactive program comprising of six (6) award-winning independent films. ***AHEAD OF TIME***, the third film in the series, will screen on **November 10, 2011** at **The Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center**. The movie will start at **7:30PM** followed by a ***Meet the Filmmaker*** reception hosted by The Holbrook of Lake Lanier. **Tickets: \$7 Adults; \$5 Student/Seniors (65+)**. Tickets may be ordered online at **www.theartscouncil.net** or by calling the **Arts Council** at **770-534-2787**.

AHEAD OF TIME, directed by Bob Richman is about the coolest 100 year-old you are about to get to know. This biopic deftly recounts the career highlights of Ruth Gruber, a pioneer journalist and humanitarian. "Ruth Gruber was a feminist before the word was actually coined," states Arts Council Director, Gladys Wyant. The unspooling of her life is a truly fascinating yarn of proto-feminist achievement and humbling empathy. Fleeing her native Brooklyn at an early age, Gruber became a dedicated academic, finishing her Ph.D. in Germany at the mere age of 20 (the youngest person ever to complete such a degree), around the time she first observed a Hitler rally. Four years later, she was on foreign assignment for the *New York Herald Tribune*, reporting on the Nuremberg trials and turbulence in the Middle East, not to mention becoming the first correspondent ever to take a Soviet Arctic voyage. One single paragraph can't distill her many illustrious exploits (she escorted Holocaust refugees from Italy to the U.S. on a secret mission for FDR!), but Richman does a bang-up job with rare archival footage and new vérité interviews, even allowing for Gruber's acquaintances and their descendants to grill the still

sharp nonagenarian. While this movie is a lesson in history and a poignant tale, the movie also offers a rare glimpse at something of an anomaly: a successful person whose grand ambitions didn't preclude her kindness.

Trailers for each film in the series may be viewed at the **Arts Council's** website [**www.theartscouncil.net**](http://www.theartscouncil.net)

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DIRECTIONS TO ARTS COUNCIL SMITHGALL ARTS CENTER

From Atlanta: Take I-85 north to Exit 113 bearing left onto I-985 north to Exit 20 GA Highway 60 (Queen City Pkwy/Candler RD). Turn left onto GA 60 and proceed approximately 2 miles to intersection with GA Hwy 369 (Jesse Jewell Pkwy). Turn right onto GA 369 and proceed approximately 1 / 2 mile to intersection with W. Academy St (Poultry monument/railroad museum on left & BB&T on right). Turn left onto W. Academy and proceed two blocks and the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center will be on the right at the intersection of W. Academy and Spring St.

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