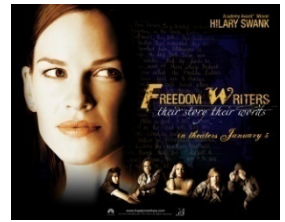




Friday 28 June 2013 - ČAK, Birkirkara



Freedom Writers

123 minutes - Biography/Drama/Crime - 5 January 2007 (USA)

A young teacher inspires her class of at-risk students to learn tolerance, apply themselves, and pursue education beyond high school.

Director: Richard LaGravenese

Writers: Richard LaGravenese (screenplay), Freedom Writers (book),
Erin Gruwell

Original Music: Mark Isham, Will i Am

Actors

Hilary Swank	...	<i>Erin Gruwell</i>
Patrick Dempsey	...	<i>Scott Casey</i>
Scott Glenn	...	<i>Steve Gruwell</i>
Imelda Staunton	...	<i>Margaret Campbell</i>
April L. Hernandez	...	<i>Eva Benitez</i>
Mario	...	<i>Andre Bryant</i>
Kristin Herrera	...	<i>Gloria Munez</i>
Jaclyn Ngan	...	<i>Sindy</i>
Sergio Montalvo	...	<i>Alejandro Santiago</i>
Jason Finn	...	<i>Marcus</i>
Deance Wyatt	...	<i>Jamal Hill</i>



The story

It's 1994 in Long Beach, California. Idealistic Erin Gruwell is just starting her first teaching job, that as freshman and sophomore English teacher at Woodrow Wilson High School, which, two years earlier, implemented a voluntary integration program. For many of the existing teachers, the integration has ruined the school, whose previously stellar academic standing has been replaced with

many students who will be lucky to graduate or even be literate. Despite choosing the school on purpose because of its integration program, Erin is unprepared for the nature of her classroom, whose students live by generations of strict moral codes of protecting their own at all cost. Many are in gangs and almost all know somebody that has been killed by gang violence. The **Latinos** hate the **Cambodians** who hate the **blacks** and so on. The only person the students hate more is Ms. Gruwell. It isn't until Erin holds an unsanctioned discussion about a recent drive-by shooting death that she fully begins to understand what she's up against. And it isn't until she provides an assignment of writing a daily journal - which will be not graded, and will remain unread by her unless they so choose - that the students begin to open up to her. As Erin tries harder and harder to have resources provided to teach properly (which often results in her needing to pay for them herself through working second and third jobs), she seems to face greater resistance, especially from her colleagues, such as Margaret Campbell, her section head, who lives by regulations and sees such resources as a waste, and Brian Gelford, who will protect his "privileged" position of teaching the senior honors classes at all cost. Erin also finds that her teaching job is placing a strain on her marriage to Scott Casey, a man who seems to have lost his own idealistic way in life.

Director: Richard LaGravenese

Born in October 30, 1959 in Brooklyn, New York, USA. He is an American screenwriter and occasional film director. He is best known as the writer of *The Fisher King*.



Awards

Golden Camera, Germany 2008: Won Best International Actress Hilary Swank.

Humanitas Prize 2007: Won Feature Film Category Richard LaGravenese.

Next appointment!

Friday 26th July 2013

The film...

My Name is Khan

(still to be confirmed)



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@ 7.30pm

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