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An evening with filmmakers

## Karen Thorsen & Douglas Dempsey

**James Baldwin: *The Price of the Ticket*, a biography of the American writer and civil rights activist, digitally remastered.**

**Thursday October 12 at 6:30pm**

**James Baldwin** (1924-1987) spent a great deal of his life abroad, but remained a quintessentially American writer. In numerous essays, novels, plays and public speeches, the eloquent voice of James Baldwin spoke of the pain and struggle of black Americans and the saving power of brotherhood. His work, which explores issues of race, sexuality, class, and the power of protest, is considered as relevant today as ever. This feature-length documentary about his life, *The Price of the Ticket*, premiered in 1990 to wide acclaim at over 50 worldwide film festivals, garnering dozens of awards and honors.

**Karen Thorsen** (writer/producer/director) began as a writer. After graduating from Vassar College, with a year at the Sorbonne in Paris, she was an editor for Simon & Schuster, a journalist for LIFE Magazine, and a foreign correspondent for TIME. Screenwriting followed, then directing.

**Douglas Dempsey** (writer/producer/director) an award-winning writer / filmmaker Dempsey is an accomplished communicator in multiple worlds: documentaries, feature films and museum media. As a student at the University of Pennsylvania, his original focus on anthropology morphed into a passion for film. His first job was for an educational film company in Princeton; he now writes, produces, shoots and edits.

### COS Visalia campus, Ponderosa Lecture Hall

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