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PHAT GIRLZ
Film Screening and Q&A
with Ngest Likké

Filmmaker Ngest Likké presents a screening and discussion of her feature film *Phat Girlz*, which looks at the difficulties ‘large’ women encounter as they seek acceptance and love in a culture where ‘thin is in.’ Likké, an award-winning Los Angeles filmmaker of Ethiopian descent, is the director of *Ben & Ara*, exploring romance between two people of very different worlds. Additional sponsor: SMC’s Adelante Program.

Tue, February 26 | 11:15 a.m. | Free
Main Stage at Theatre Arts Complex



DANA JOHNSON
In the Not Quite Dark and
Other Stories: A Reading by
Dana Johnson

Author Dana Johnson reads selections from her short story collection *In the Not Quite Dark*. An English professor and director of the PhD in Creative Writing and Literature Program at the University of Southern California, Johnson authored *Break Any Woman Down*, which won the Flannery O’Connor Award for Short Fiction. Her work has appeared in several anthologies and numerous publications, including *Zyzzya* and *The Paris Review*. Additional sponsor: SMC English Department.

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Stromberg Hall (HSS 165)



A CONVERSATION
WITH:
Former LA Radio
Personality Ben Kelly and
Entertainment Project
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Ben Kelly and Joi Hardy will talk about career strategies in radio and entertainment media. Kelly covered benchmark events like the O.J. Simpson trial and the 1992 L.A. Riots while at legendary 92.3 The Beat (now The Real 92.3), and currently

serves as the Young Life College Director at the University of Southern California. Hardy works as an entertainment project manager. For NBCUniversal, she managed custom sponsorships and creative content across Fandango, Rotten Tomatoes, Movietickets.com, and Flixster for studio, streaming, and brand clients, including Disney, Sony, Fox, STX, and Netflix. Additional sponsor: SMC Communication & Media Studies Department.

Thu, February 28 | 11:15 a.m. | Free
Stromberg Hall (HSS 165)



DERRIC J. JOHNSON
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is a Threat to Justice
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Derric J. Johnson, founding director of Crossroads School’s Equity and Justice Institute, former senior deputy for public safety and justice in the Office of County Board Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, and a longtime community leader working with a variety of youth-focused programs, will talk about the importance of social justice for the advancement of society. Additional sponsor: SMC’s Adelante Program.

Thu, March 7 | 11:15 a.m. | Free
Stromberg Hall (HSS 165)

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