

# 1992 AFRICAN DIASPORA SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL

Now in it's third week, the 1992 African Diaspora Summer Film Festival, sponsored by the Black Cultural Awareness Society, will feature "Sitting in Limbo". "Sitting in Limbo" is an ultra rare Canadian film that depicts the difficulties of being non-white in the great white north. Black, poor and possibly pregnant, Pat lives in a small Montreal apartment with two other single black women and their infant children. Pat is involved with a well meaning but terminally unmotivated charmer named Fabian. Pat finds it difficult to hang on to those things in life that matter most to her, such as her studies. Fabian doesn't help, moves in and loses his job.

Although the story takes place in Montreal, Canada, it has universal appeal to black audiences all over the world. Especially for young people who are experiencing the same dilemmas that Pat must overcome. This film was selected primarily for its "coming of age" focus during this time of self examination in the Las Vegas community.

For show times and locations call 893-0105



## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

# TOM FEELINGS Children's Writer & Illustrator

By Gwen Walker

Thomas Feelings was born May 19, 1933 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to Samuel and Anna Feelings.

In February of 1968, Tom married Muriel Greg, a school teacher and writer, and between this union two children were born; Zamani and Kamil. He later divorced in 1974. Mr. Feelings attended school of Visual Arts from 1951-1953 and again from 1957-1960.

Some of his accomplishments include: writer, free-lance illustrator, 1959 Illustrator for African Review with the Ghana Publishing Company. From 1964-66 he was a teacher of illustrators for Ministry of Education, and head of children's book project for the Government of Ghana in 1971-81; Associate Professor of Art at the University of So. Carolina, Columbia in 1989.

His work has been exhibited at several institutions: Ghana Institute of Arts and Culture, Accra, Ghana; the Market Place Gallery, Harlem, N.Y.; Central Library, San Francisco, Ca.

While in the military (USAF) from 1953-57, he was an illustrator in the Graphics Division in London, England. He has received numerous awards, too many to list.

Some of his books to have children read are:

1. Tommy Traveler In The World of Black History.
2. Black Pilgrimage (Autobiography)
3. When The Stones Were Soft; East African folktales - (as illustrator)
4. To Be a Slave by Julius Lester
5. Black Folktales by Julius Lester
6. Muriel Feelings; Moja Means One (Swahili counting book)

7. Maya Angelo; Now Sheba Sings The Song
8. The Middle Passage.

And many, many more...

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