

2009 ALA Video Round Table Gala

WHEN: Sunday July 12, 2009 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago

WHAT: Film highlights from the PBS **American Masters Series** with insights from producers/directors/writers **Nancy Porter**, **Harriet Reisen** and **Laurie Block**



COST: \$25 for VRT members & students; \$30 for non-members



Tickets on sale via your ALA 2009 Annual Conference registration or go direct by contacting Mary Konkol, VRT Gala Chair at konkol@cod.edu or 630-942-2662 or fill out attached form. NOTE: Seating is limited to 200 attendees.

Join VRT and fellow film and media aficionados for a delightful evening at the Gene Siskel Film Center located in downtown Chicago at 164 North State Street (State & Lake), across the street from the Chicago Theater and within walking distance from several conference hotels.

AMERICAN MASTERS is an ongoing series of award-winning specials examining the lives, works, and creative processes of our most outstanding cultural artists. Without art we would, as a society, lack a soul and a voice. AMERICAN MASTERS exists to give life to that voice. Directors from the series will share their work and provide insight into the art of filmmaking as biography. A recently produced film on Louisa May Alcott and a work-in-progress on Helen Keller will be showcased. Speakers: **Nancy Porter**, producer/director and **Harriet Reisen**, producer/writer of AMERICAN MASTERS *Louisa May Alcott: The Woman behind Little Women* and **Laurie Block**, director/co-writer of AMERICAN MASTERS *Becoming Helen Keller*, a co-production with WETA Washington, D.C.

VRT GALA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



6:30-7:30	light sandwiches/appetizers/desserts cash bar (beer, wine, soda, coffee, water)
7:30-9:00	film screening and discussion
9:00-9:30	door prizes

The Gene Siskel Film Center is located at 164 North State Street (State and Lake), across from the Chicago Theater and ½ block from Macy's (formerly Marshall Fields). It is within walking distance of several of the ALA Conference hotels, the Palmer House Hilton being the closest, so you can use the ALA shuttle for arrival. It is just steps from the Red Line EL stop at Lake Street or at the Brown Line's State and Lake Street stop. Cabs are also an easy option. There is no street parking, but since this is the theater district, several parking garages are available within a few blocks, but be warned, they could cost you as much as your Gala ticket. Visit <http://www.siskelfilmcenter.org/> for additional info.

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER



State Street entrance

Reception Gallery

Theater

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_____ # of tickets @ \$30 (non-members)



Email confirmation will be sent and tickets will be mailed up until **June 19**.
After June 19, you may pick up your tickets upon check-in at the Gala July 12.
Gala capacity 200 people.

Check payable to: **American Library Assn/Video Round Table**

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