

THE WORKSONG...



- MARTIN SCROSESE PRESENTS: THE BLUES

"THE GOOD LORD HAD TO SEND SOMETHING DOWN TO EASE
THE PEOPLES PAIN. TO TALK ABOUT THEIR SOULS.
A BLACK MAN COULD BE PUT TO DEATH FOR
OWNING A DRUM. SO THE WORK HOLLA'S,
THAT BEAT, IS A NEW FORM OF
PERCUSSION. PEOPLE DIE...

BUT

MUSIC

LIVES ON..."


"SWEAT POURING OFF YOUR FACE, YOU JUS
GO'N SOMEWHERE ELSE..."

SOMEWHERE FREE..."





THE BLUES



"If you already know the blues, then maybe this music will give you a reason to go back to it. And if you've never heard the blues, and you're coming across it for the first time, I can promise you this:
Your life is about to change for the better."

– Martin Scorsese



LIVING AND DYING ON DEATH ROW



"IF THERES ONE THING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ROW IS IT'S A CRAZY PLACE... PEOPLE SPEND ALL DAY AND NIGHT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE JUDICIAL MACHINERY OF THE STATE IS DEDICATED TO KILLING THEM. YOU SPEND YEARS OF YOUR LIFE ATROPHYING IN A ROOM NARROWER THAN THE SPAN OF YOUR ARMS. **MEN SCREAM.** EVEN WHEN THEY SLEEP. OR THEY WAKE AND START TO SING. SOME MEN HAVE DRAWN ON THEIR WALL, AN OUTLINE OF A MAN, AND THEY START TALKING TO IT, SCOLDING IT AND CUSSING AT IT, BEATING IT, AND BEATING THEIR LEGS, BEATING THEIR BUNKS **JUST TO GET SOME MOTION, SOMETHING IN THEIR LIVES OTHER THAN JUST SITTING HERE.** WE'VE HAD MEN SIT HERE ON THE FLOOR AND BEAT THEIR HEADS UNTIL THEY'RE BLOODY. WE'VE HAD MEN THAT COULDN'T TOLERATE IT ANYMORE. AND NOTHING WAS ACTUALLY HAPPENING TO THEM, BUT THAT WAS THE THING; **THE WAITING.** THE SAME WALLS. THE SAME NOISE. THE SAME BARS. NOTHING CHANGES." - IN THIS TIME-LESS TIME. BRUCE JACKON & DIANE CHRISTIAN



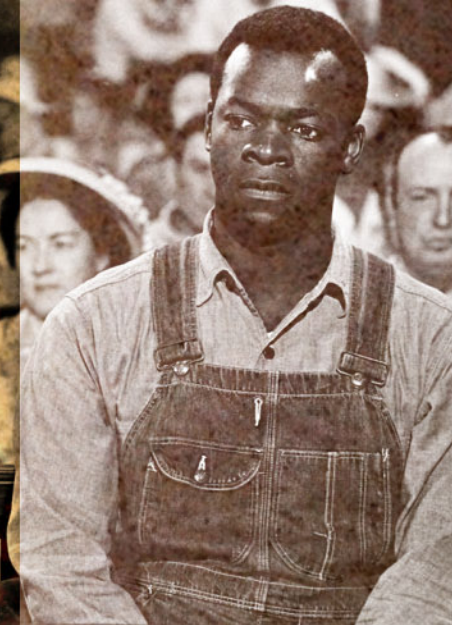
"SLAVERY HASN'T DISAPPEARED FROM THE U.S.—IT'S EVOLVED INTO OUR MODERN SYSTEM OF MASS INCARCERATION"

- 13TH, ANA DUVERNAY.

trapped / fear / **constraint**

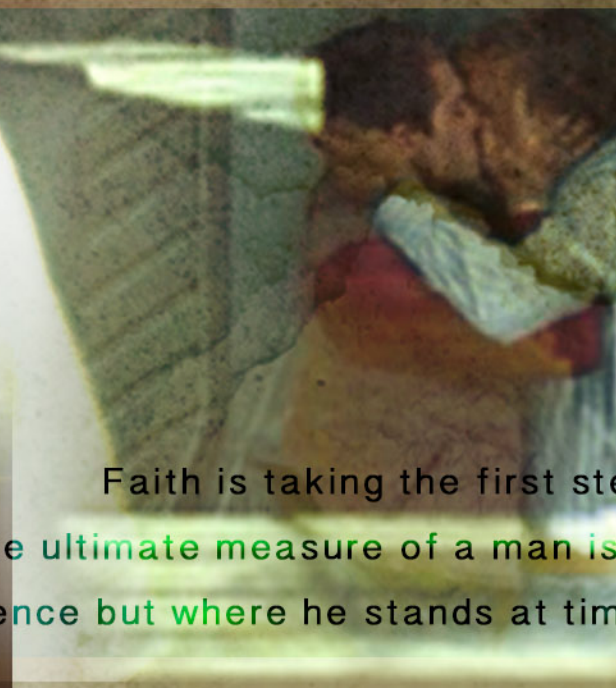
BILL FORD

courage / **conviction** / risk



"I wanted you to see what real courage is, instead of getting the idea that courage is a man with a gun in his hand. It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what.."

-- TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD



Faith is taking the first step, **even** when you can't see the whole staircase.
The **ultimate measure of a man is** not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience **but where** he stands at times of **challenge** and controversy- Martin Luther King Jr



"MY DEATH WON'T CHANGE A THING. BUT MY MUSIC
WILL LIVE ON. WILL ENDURE WHERE MAN CAN'T..."

Have you ever thought what it's like to live on Death Row?

Do you care? Do you really want to know?

We're kinda like an idling car running out of gas

We really don't know how much time we will have to pass

Do you know what it's like to cry inside

Or wake up in the dark of night

Afraid you'll die without a fight

We all live with one fear or another

Mine is how it hurts my mother

To see the pain behind her eyes

She just can't hide no matter how she tries

What makes time so hard to bear,

Is knowing so many people just don't care

You all know we're here to die

We ask for help but you won't try

You just don't care about us as men

You think your killing ain't a sin

So we go on this timeless time

And the law makes our people

the victims of our crime

- Texas inmate. Execution no. 569



SAM TULLY

Charlene



FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT



WHY

"IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS THIS DOESNT HAPPEN BECAUSE THEY USED TO TREAT THEM VERY VERY ROUGH. I'D LIKE TO PUNCH HIM IN THE FACE. I LOVE THE OLD DAYS, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY USED TO DO TO GUYS LIKE THAT WHEN THEY WERE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS? THEY'D BE CARRIED OUT ON A STRETCHER."
- DONALD TRUMP.

NOW?

NOTHING
in the world
is more **DANGEROUS** THAN
sincere ignorance and
**CONSCIENTIOUS
STUPIDITY.**

- Martin Luther King Jr.

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns." Martin Luther King Jr.

- Globalisation is falling apart as countries revert back to self interest. Focusing on fear of different.

- With Trump having fuelled a presidential campaign based on hatred and fear America is more divided than ever. There is concentration is on NEW walls being built rather than breaking down old ones.

- Trump is creating an America which is taking away the voice of minorities.

- This is precisely the time when art should lead the way in uniting an increasingly wide social divide. Let life imitate Art.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

