

A Different Evening  
International Film Club at Ahmedabad University  
(In Memory of Prof. Niranjan Bhagat)

Date: **March 28, 2019, Thursday.**

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Venue: Ahmedabad University Auditorium,  
GICT Building, Near M G Science College.



Name of the Film: **Hidden Figures**

(Based on a book by Margot Lee Shetterly)

Year of Release: January 06, 2017.

Director: **Theodore Melfi** (2 Oscar Nominations + 4 Awards + other 13 Nominations)

Genre: Biography, Drama, History (based on a true story and actual events)

Duration: 2 Hours 07 Minutes

Awards: 3 Oscar Nominations + 37 awards + 84 Nominations

Actors:

Taraji P. Henson (Oscar Nomination + 31 Awards + other 67 Nominations)

Octavia Spencer (Oscar Winner + other 32 Awards + 66 Nominations)

Janelle Monáe (15 Awards + 34 Nominations)

Kevin Costner (2 Oscar Awards + other 54 Awards + 57 Nominations)

Mahershala Ali (2 Oscar Awards + other 74 Awards + 51 Nominations)

Audio Language: **English** Subtitles: **English**

Colour: Colour

Aspect Ratio: 16:9 High Definition (720p)

**About the film:**

As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Based on the unbelievably true-life stories of three of these women, known as "human computers", we follow these women as they quickly rose the ranks of NASA alongside many of history's greatest minds specifically tasked with calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit, and guaranteeing his safe return. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Katherine Goble Johnson crossed all gender, race, and professional lines while their brilliance and desire to dream big, beyond anything ever accomplished before by the human race, firmly cemented them in U.S. history as true American heroes.

A movie that brings aspirations, brilliance and inspiration beyond imagination, and that too against all the odds.

**Trivia:**

This is Kirsten Dunst's highest grossing film in the United States outside of the Spider-Man (2002) franchise.

When Taraji P. Henson signed on for the lead role, she met with the real-life Katherine Johnson, who was 98 years old, to discuss the character she was about to portray. Henson learned that Johnson had graduated from high school at age 14 and from college at age 18. Even at such an old age, she was still as lucid as anyone years younger.

At age 98, Katherine Johnson was the only survivor of the 'Hidden Figures' to see her achievements depicted on film. In November 2015, President Barack Obama awarded her a Presidential Medal of Freedom for her work at NASA, and she was further honored the following year when a new \$30m, 40,000-square-foot NASA building was named the Katherine G Johnson Computational Research Facility.