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NOW PLAYING
BLACKLIST
THE HOLLYWOOD RED SCARE

NAMING NAMES

In 1947 the U.S. Congress formed the House Un-American Activities Committee and held court hearings to uncover Communist subversion in the film industry. Those unfriendly witnesses who refused to name people associated with the Communist party were blacklisted, often for more than a decade. Through an animated introductory film, interpretive panels, artifacts, historic documents, movie clips and hearing testimony, the exhibit asks the audience to contemplate:

What does it mean to be a patriot?

How did the Blacklist impact people's lives?

Why were Jews in particular targeted?

Did the government overreach? Are there parallels in contemporary times?

What were the media responses? How did they influence the outcomes?

Exhibit Highlights:

- 1950s-inspired theater for film viewing
- Introductory animated film that explains the political, economic and cultural landscape that allowed the Blacklist to develop and flourish
- Clips of films labeled "subversive" by the FBI
- Movie ephemera, including posters, ads, letters and photographs
- Audience feedback area

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