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On Monday's opening night at the Roxie in San Francisco, Epps passed out special-edition DVDs of his film in exchange for a \$25 donation to the park. The flyers for the event said, "In memory of Julia 'Aunt Bea' Middleton" on the front and listed contact information for the park on the back.

The festival, which consists of eight feature-length films and shorts, will travel throughout the Bay Area over the next three months.

The documentaries are a dynamic bunch: "The Freshest Kids" is an enthralling and precise history about the art of B-boying that is both well-done and seamlessly shot.

"HOOKED: The Legend of Demetrius 'Hooked' Mitchell" tells the story of a Oakland street ball legend through his former proteges, Jason Kidd and Brian

Shaw among others. Mitchell is now doing time in a state prison and has been called "one of the best basketball players never to make it to the NBA."

New York native and co-director Mike Skolnik, 24, says the film, like some of the others, is about the power of potential and speaks directly to young people. "The number of people in prison has quadrupled, and that happened during our generation, not the one before us," Skolnik says. "It's an issue that affects everyone in and outside of our generation because we haven't stopped it."

"With the economy the way that it is and in the post-Sept. 11 years and with the big rally last year for public schools — I think we're beginning to use our power in the right way."

