

# GCSU Flannery O'Connor Institute to present screening of 'Wise Blood'

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Colin Cutler performing at Andalusia.

The Flannery O'Connor Institute for the Humanities of Georgia College & State University continues its Southern Gothic film series with a screening of John Huston's 1979 film, "Wise Blood" in celebration of O'Connor's 101st birthday.

The screening is to take place at Milledgeville's Andalusia Farm at 7:30 p.m. March 25.

The event is free and open to the public.

The film will be introduced by Marshall Bruce Gentry, previous Editor of the Flannery O'Connor Review and professor emeritus of English at Georgia College. He serves as a fellow for the Flannery O'Connor Institute for the Humanities, and he runs the monthly online Flannery O'Connor book club. Gentry has published scholarly books and articles centered on O'Connor, including "Flannery O'Connor's Religion of the Grotesque (UP of Mississippi)" and "Better to See You With: Perspectives on Flannery O'Connor, Selected and New (Mercer UP)."

Following the film screening, Gentry will lead a discussion regarding the film and southern gothic genre and will be available to answer any questions or inquiries about "Wise Blood."

Huston's "Wise Blood" is based on a 1952 novel by O'Connor. The film is centered around a veteran in Tennessee in the 1940s who founds his own anti-religion group in attempt to escape and heal his harsh religious upbringing. The film addresses issues regarding identity and morals and centers itself around themes of struggles with religion and modernity. Interestingly, most of the film was shot on location in Macon, Georgia and in the Baldwin County Georgia area.

Complementary birthday cake and refreshments will be provided, and guests are encouraged to bring their own picnic chairs and blankets to the event.