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Spike Lee Kicks off 2005–2006 Arts and Lecture Series

Willimantic, Conn. -- Critically acclaimed filmmaker Spike Lee opens Eastern's Fifth Annual Arts and Lecture Series on October 6 at 7 p.m. in Shafer Auditorium, located at Valley and High Streets in Willimantic.

Lee's debut film, the 1986 comedy, *She's Gotta Have It*, earned the Prix de Jeunesse Award at the Cannes Film Festival. In 1989, *Do the Right Thing* won the Best Film and Director Awards from the Los Angeles Critics Association. Other films in Lee's portfolio include *Jungle Fever*, *Mo' Better Blues*, *Malcolm X*, and *Clockers*.

In addition to his achievements in film, Lee has produced television commercials for Nike Air Jordan products, Levi jeans, the *New York Times*, Taco Bell, American Express, AT&T, ESPN, MTV, Ben and Jerry's, and ABC's *Saturday Night Live*. He has been involved in the production of numerous music videos and has written six books on the making of his films.

Tickets for Spike Lee's lecture are \$10 for the general public. To buy tickets, or for information about other upcoming Arts and Lecture Series events, please call (86) 465-4693 or email tickets@easternct.edu.

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