

## **Two Distant Strangers Event Summary**

### **Title:**

Two Distant Strangers: A Conversation about Race & Film

### **Description:**

Join us for a conversation with the creative team behind Oscar-nominated live action short 'Two Distant Strangers', which explores institutional violence through a cyclical story about a young cartoonist's brutal encounter with a police officer.

**Martin Desmond Roe (1997, Lit Hum)** is the founder and creative director of Dirty Robber, an Oscar-nominated, Emmy and Gold Lion-winning production house. *Two Distant Strangers* is his second Oscar nomination for Best Live Action Short, following 2012's *Buzkashi Boys*.

**Travon Free** is an American comedian and actor and writer, with credits including The Daily Show on Comedy Central, for which he won an Emmy, and Any Given Wednesday with Bill Simmons on HBO.

**Ella Road (2010, English Language & Literature)** is a writer and actor from London whose first play, *The Phlebotomist*, was nominated for an Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Affiliate theatre. Ella's next work, *Fair Play*, will appear later this year.

**Gabby Cook Francis (2019, MPhil Politics)** studied for her MPhil in Comparative Government as a Marshall Scholar at Somerville and has just accepted her offer to study for her DPhil. Gabby served as the Middle Common Room's Minority Ethnic Group representative until last term.