

April 26, 2007 - 7pm only



*Samuel Mockbee and Director
Chuck Schultz*

Screening of *The Rural Studio Film*

Putnam Theatre, Keene State College, Keene, NH

About the film: Fine architecture is usually reserved for wealthy patrons or grand civic spaces. But in 1993, Auburn University Professor Samuel Mockbee set out to change that. He founded The Rural Studio, which guides students in the design and construction of homes and community spaces in economically depressed Hale County, Alabama.

The Rural Studio Film captures this innovative program's vision of architecture as a social art form capable of raising the human spirit. This contextual-based learning philosophy seeks to transcend race and class and in the process changes the lives both student and client.

"The film beautifully captures Sambo Mockbee's gifts both as an architect and as a teacher. As Mockbee and his students work with black and white families in Alabama, they present viewers with a powerful architectural vision. It is a vision that challenges architects to build exciting housing that is accessible to all our society." –William Ferris - Public Policy Scholar - Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Mr. Schultz will be present for a Q&A following the screening.

This event is presented by AIANH and co-hosted by the Northeast Cultural Coop with assistance from the KSC Putnam Theatre.