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CALLING TRACK & MILITARY CADENCE CALLS

How an African American tradition influenced basic training



**Sunday, February 27, 2011
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM**



Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center
246 Market Street, Lowell MA

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Lowell National Historical Park and Lowell Film Collaborative present this special program which examines the role of African American work chants, an oral tradition once common throughout the American south, and how they were formally introduced into modern military basic training.

The program begins with a screening of the documentary *Gandy Dancers*, followed by a discussion led by the film's co-director, Maggie Holtzberg. With the help of a historic sound recording, she will reveal a little known fact about how modern cadence calls were incorporated into the standard physical training of military recruits. In addition to screening examples of modern cadence calls, a live demonstration by a military drill sergeant will round out this lively program.