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Revolution is not always synonymous with the overthrowing of a government or head of state. In Africa and its Diaspora, it is also the relentless search for liberation of the body and the mind that characterizes the history of African people. Arising as a chain of movements led mostly by youth and women, revolution is a force against unfair systems, an impulse for people to follow their dreams. and a shared experience of empowerment. In the Digital Age, the struggle for liberation has found a resilient ally in technology, which has exerted multiplier effects in and outside the Continent.

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The 21st New York African Film Festival - Revolution and Liberation in the Digital Age

This is the core of the 21st New York African Film Festival: the experience of revolution and liberation in Africa in the 21st century. All of the films featured will tackle the path to liberation or the feeling of freedom itself - its impact and its agents, but first and foremost its visual splendor.

Under this heading, this month-long, multi-venue event will present a unique selection of contemporary and classic African films, running the gamut from features, shorts, and documentaries to experimental films, along with supplementary educational programs. Filmmakers and actors will also be on hand at select screenings and Q&A sessions.

This year, Nigeria celebrates the centenary of its unification. To mark this special occasion, the 2014 NYAFF will highlight films that have been produced, inspired by, and made in Nollywood, the world's second largest movie industry. We are proud to present our NYC audience with the winners of last year's "African Oscars" (AMAA): Kenneth Gyang's frenetic dark comedy Confusion Na Wa and the poetic short Kwaku Ananse by Akosua Adoma Owusu. We will also premiere Biyi Bandele's highly anticipated film Half of a Yellow Sun, a rendition of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's best-selling book about the Biafran war that glows thanks to the leading performances by Thandie Newton, Anika Noni Rose and Oscar-nominee Chiwetel Ejiofor.

The animated film adaptation of the acclaimed comic series Aya of Yop City by Marguerite Abouet and Clement Oubrerie is not just an ode to young romance in West African cultures, but a nod to animation in its golden age, encompassing every region of the world, including Africa, Victor Vivuoh's Ninah's Dowry carries in its poignant story of women's empowerment the elements of a revolution. The 2014 NYAFF will also screen Mahamat-Saleh Haroun's latest movie Grigris is a story of love and solidarity between two outcasts against the backdrop of present-day Chad. Narratives of struggle and liberation from all around Africa and the Diaspora abound, expanding the festival's human scope: the incisive documentary Mugabe: Villain or Hero? by Roy Agyemang; Ibrahim El Batout's Egyptian feature Winter of Discontent; and the Kenyan moral fable It's Us (Ni Si Si).

Our shorts program is a fresh selection devoted to the richness and experimental elements of the genre and its special ability to convey this year's festival theme. Young filmmakers use a wide range of approaches from sci-fi (Afronauts) to social melodrama (Aissa's Story and Kuhani), with a special focus on comedy (Soko Sonko, Wooden Hands, and Beleh) to reflect upon a wide spectrum of pressing contemporary issues.

To honor the 20th anniversary of South Africa's independence, we will feature the controversial neo-noir Of Good Report by Jahmil X.T. Qubeka, which is exemplary of the vigor of South Africa's present-day film industry. One of the most poignant epics of revolution and liberation ever filmed on the continent, Med Hondo's masterpiece Sarraounia, winner of the first prize at FESPACO, will be the crowning jewel to round out the Lincoln Center portion of the festival.

A wide-ranging selection of some of the best African documentaries and docudramas, with a particular focus on Sudan, will be presented at the Maysles Cinema Institute. Then the festival will conclude in spectacular fashion with the presentation of AFF's Travelling Series and a carefully selected group of films proudly showcasing the rich history and cultures of Madagascar at BAMcinématek.

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Eliaichi Kimaro is a mixed-race, first-generation American with a Tanzanian father and Korean mother. When her retired father moves back to Tanzania, Eliaichi begins to examine the intricate fabric of her multi-racial identity.

ANGANO, ANGANO César Paes & Marie Clémence Paes, Madagascar/France, 1989, 64min.

This pioneering work of ethnographic filmmaking takes oral tradition itself as its central character. Passing down the wisdom of the ancestors through myths and folktales, venerable storytellers recount the founding myths of Malagasy culture.

AYA OF YOP CITY (Animation)
Marguerite Abouet & Clement Oubrerie,
Côte d'Ivoire/France, 2013, 85min.

Tracking the adventures of a 19-year-old girl living in in the neighborhood of Yopougon, a working-class suburb of Abidjan, the film offers up an intriguing snapshot of West African life in the 1970s, with a fanciful vintage soundtrack to boot.

B FOR BOY (NY PREMIERE) Chika Anadu, Nigeria, 2013, 118min.

A contemporary drama set in Nigeria about one woman's desperate need for a male child. The film explores the discrimination of women in the

BASTARDS (US PREMIERE)
Deborah Perkin, Morocco/UK, 2013, 93min. At 14, Rabha El Haimer was an illiterate child bride. fight from the slums to the high courts.

BELEH (NY PREMIERE)

Eka Christa Assam, Cameroon, 2013, 30min.

Ekema's hard and uncompromising attitude toward his very pregnant wife, Joffi, is quickly revised when he has to spend an entire day in her shoes.

Frances Bodomo, Ghana/USA, 2012, 12min. Boneshaker follows a Ghanaian immigrant family taking a road trip to a Pentecostal church in Louisiana to cure their problem child. Starring Oscar-nominee Quvenzhané Wallis.

Lonesome Solo, Côte d'Ivoire, 2012, 70min. After the deaths of his parents, Tony makes a living selling cigarettes. Looking for easy money, he turns to gambling and is dragged further into the seedy underworld of Wassakara.

Elodie Lefebvre, Senegal, 2013, 51min.
Germaine Acogny, a leading figure in contemporary African dance and the founder of 35 choreographers of African descent for two weeks of invigorating creative exchange.

THE CHILD OF THE SUN (US PREMIE) Taieb Louhichi, Tunisia, 2014, 78min

After an evening at a nightclub and an early morning swim, three young people sneak into a villa, where they unexpectedly meet the mysterious owner.

COLUMBITE TANTALITE (NY PR

Chiwetel Ejiofor's short film explores the western exploitation of Africa's most coveted minerals as well as the DRC's reconciliation process with its history and identity.

CONFUSION NA WA (NY PREMIERE)

When a cellphone is found by two opportunists,

CULTURAL HEALING COMMUNITY CINEMA PROJECT - SUDAN (US PRE

A touching tribute to Ami Abdalseed, the for Boys. A generation of students fondly recollect

COMING SOON Mustafa Jawhar & Hind Elsheikh, Sudan, 2013, 16min.

in Kosti, a town in the White Nile State. The filmmakers and the whole town pay tribute to the cinema they remember.

Aladin Reyhan & Hashim Fath Alrahman, Sudan, 2013, 12min.

The Crying Sea celebrates the gift of the Red Sea to the city of Port Sudan and makes an urgent plea to its citizens to wake up to the consequences of sea pollution.

NILE DRUMS Mehamed Abdalaziem, (aka Fox),

This film follows a Southern Sudanese musician as he bids a prolonged and bittersweet farewell to Khartoum, the city in which he grew up, before

ONLY A CHILD
Eltahir Daoud, Sudan, 2013, 10min.
The story of a young boy who has given up his

TAYBA *Maha Abdalmoniem, Sudan, 2013, 11min.*An intimate portrait of the filmmaker's aunt as she, from the repose of old age, recollects how she overcame the stigma of divorce and forged

TRAIN OF LONGINGNajwa Yassin, Sudan, 2013, 11min.
Atbara was once known as the city of iron and steel, with a railway that made it one of the most cosmopolitan and prosperous corners of Sudan. This film tells the tale of how the coming of railway changed a city and its population.

CURSE OF AN ADDICT (US PREMIERE)
Lovinsa Kavuma, Zanzibar/Tanzania, 2013,

cursed. In a battle to be freed from his addiction.

FAISAL GOES WEST (NY PREMIERE) Bentley Brown, Sudan/USA, 2013, 34min.

A family moves from Sudan to the U.S. in search of a better life, but they soon discover they must weather the economic crisis.

FELIX (NY PREMIERE)

Roberta Durrant, South Africa, 2013, 97min.

The young Felix Xaba dreams of becoming a saxophonist like his late father, but his mother thinks jazz is the devil's music. When Felix gets a scholarship to an elite private school, he defies his mother and begins preparations for the school

FUELLING POVERTY

Nigeria, 2012, 28min

Tshaya Bako, Nigeria, 2012, 28min. An artistic depiction of the failings of fuel subsidy management in Nigeria, Fuelling Poverty graphically captures the various contours of the fuel subsidy debate and offers a rallying cry for change in Nigeria by the Occupy Nigeria movement.

Mahamat-Saleh Haroun, Chad/France, 2013, 101min.

Despite a bum leg, Grigris has hopes of becoming a professional dancer. His dreams are tested when his stepfather falls critically ill and he's forced to risk his future by smuggling oil to pay

HALF OF A YELLOW SUN (NY PREMIERE Biyi Bandele, Nigeria/UK, 2013, 111min Based on Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's during the Nigerian-Biafran war in the 1960s, and follows two middle class Nigerian twins as their settled lives are torn apart by the conflict.

IT'S US (NI SI SI) (US PREMIERE) Nick Reding, Kenya, 2013, 88min,

It's Us portrays a typical Kenyan community: a harmonious muddle of tribes, intermarriages, and extended families who place no stock in which tribe their neighbor comes from. Then one day, rumors begin to spread and suddenly mistrust takes hold

Last Song Before the War captures the inspiring rise and uncertain future of Mali's annual Festival triumphs of creating an artistic event under such challenging economic and political circumstances.

LEGENDS OF MADAGASCAR

Haminiaina Ratovoarivony, Madagascar, 2012, 93min

woman, joins them, awakening the interest of the three boys and converting the trip into a kind of initiatory journey showing the challenges faced by Madagascar's youth.

LIVING FUNERAL (NY PREMIERE) *Udoka Oyeka, Nigeria, 2013, 21min.*

Set against the backdrop of delusional stability, a young girl in the last days of her life battling with breast cancer, arranges a farewell for her family to help ease their pain; a celebration of life... A

MINERS SHOT DOWN (US PREMIERE) Rehad Desai, South Africa, 2014, 85 In August 2012, mineworkers in one of South Africa's biggest platinum mines began a strike for better wages. Six days later, the police used live ammunition to brutally suppress the strike, killing 34 and injuring many more. What emerges is the

MUGABE: VILLAIN OR HERO? Roy Agyemang, Zimbabwe/UK, 2012, 116min. Mugabe: Villain or Hero? explores the reality behind

the headlines with unprecedented access to Mugabe and his entourage. This film raises serious issues about the relationship between African leaders and

NAIROBI HALF LIFE
David Tosh Gitonga, Kenya, 2012, 96min.
Mwas is a young aspiring actor who moves from his home village to Nairobi to make it big. But as

he moves toward his dream of taking center stage, he finds himself drawn into a world of

AFRONAUTS
Frances Bodomo, Ghana/USA, 2014, 15min.
On July 16, 1969, America prepares to launch

Apollo 11. Thousands of miles away, the Zambia Space Academy hopes to beat America to the moon.

AISSA'S STORY (US PREMIERE)
Iquo B. Essien, Nigeria/USA, 2013, 15min.
An African immigrant housekeeper and single mother

must decide whether to move on with her life or fight when the case against her assaulter is dismissed.

Philippe Cordey, Congo, 2012, 25min.

Photographer Baudouin Mouanda explores beauty

in unlikely places – by asking women to pose in

locations - from rubbish dumps to crowded trains.

priest's open letter to the Church in response to the

country's recently passed Anti Homosexuality Act.

the same white wedding dress in different

An experimental short inspired by a Ugandan

KWAKU ANANSE (NY PREMIERE) Akosua Adoma Owusu, Ghana/Mexico/USA, 2013, 26min.

The traditional West African fable of Kwaku

Ananse is combined with the story of a young

outsider named Nyan Koronhwea, attending her

estranged father's funeral. Overwhelmed by the

procession, she escapes into the spirit world in

SOKO SONKO (THE MARKET KING) (US PREMIER Ekwa Msangi-Omari, Kenya/USA, 2014, 22min. When her mom gets sick, Kibibi's dad takes her

school. Soko Sonko is a hilarious, fish-out-of-water

NINAH'S DOWRY (NY PREMIERE)
Victor Viyuoh, Cameroon, 2012, 95min.
Co-presented by Human Rights Watch Film Festival
Ninah, a mother of three, is stuck in an abusive

relationship with no hope of change. Her family

lives off her meager earnings, but she decides to

OF GOOD REPORT (NY PREMIERE)Jahmil X.T. Qubeka, South Africa, 2013, 109min.

Schoolteacher Parker Sithole arrives in a rural

village with no local connections. He begins an

Nolitha, which proves to be a disastrous

is tired of waiting, especially since the

THE PROMISE

Akin Okunrinboye, Nigeria/USA, 2013, 6min.

RÊVE KAKUDJIIbbe Daniëls & Koen Vidal, Congo/Belgium, 2013, 73min.

Ever since Serge Kakudji heard the sounds of

Congolese television, he has dreamt to make it to

Med Hondo, Burkina Faso/Mauritania/France, 1986, 120min.

A young warrior queen of the Azna tribe uses her

attack by a neighbouring tribe. But the real trial of

Adeyemi Michael, Nigeria/ UK, 2013, 44min. How does a boy with the aspirations of becoming

Judy Kibinge, Kenya/Germany, 2013, 85min. An intimate moment in the life of Anne, a woman

life of her husband, the health of her son, and left

A poetic exploration of traditional and modern

WINTER OF DISCONTENT (US PREMIERE) *Ibrahim El Batout, Egypt, 2012, 96min. Co-presented by 3rd i NY and Alwan for the Arts*

Set against the backdrop of the 2011 protests in

takes us on a raw, moving journey into the lives of

WOODEN HANDS (US PREMIERE)Kaouther Ben Hania, Tunisia, 2013, 23min.
Co-presented by 3rd i NY and Alwan for the

Five-year-old Amira lives with her mother in a

better to do than to attach her hand to a chair

small apartment in Tunis. On the day that she's

supposed to return to school, Amira finds nothing

an activist, a journalist, and a state security officer.

opera for the first time as a young boy on

mastery of traditional martial arts and pharmacology to defend her people from an

conquering French army.

Madagascar.

with superglue...

strength comes when she is faced with the

a doctor find himself on trial for murder?

struggling to rebuild her life after Kenya's

the top of the classical opera world.

Kemi has been with Femi for five years now. She

relationship does not seem to be going anywhere. It's the New Year, and it is time for progress.

illicit affair with one of his new pupils, 16 year-old

to the market to get her hair braided before

where no man has gone before...

small-time crooks and deceit. **NEW AFRICAN SHORTS:**

the West in the fight for African resources.

FILM SOCIETY OF LINCOLN

WED MAY 7

Mugabe: Villain or Hero?
Winter of Discontent & Wooden Hands
Confusion Na Wa

THU MAY 8

SAT MAY 10

Of Good Report Confusion Na Wa

SUN MAY 11

Winter of Discontent & Wooden Hands

MON MAY 12

Grigriss & Columbite Tantalite Bastards & Beleh Of Good Report

TUE MAY 13
6:30* Ninah's Dowry
9:00* Sarraounia

MAYSLES CINEMA

THU MAY 15

SUN MAY 18
4:00 * Curse of an Addict & A Lot Like You
7:00 Living Funeral & B for Boy

BAMcinématek

SAT MAY 24

4:30, 9:00 Nairobi Half Life & The Promise
7:00 Something Necessary

MON MAY 26

2:00, 7:00 When the Stars Meet the Sea 4:30, 9:00 Burn It Up Djassa & Fuelling Poverty

* Q&A via Skype.

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Aya of Yop City It's Us (Ni Si Si)

FRI MAY 9

FRI MAY 16

SAT MAY 17
4:00* SPOTLIGHT ON SUDAN

FRI MAY 23

2:00, 7:00 Angano, Angano 4:00, 9:00 * Cassa, Cassa & Boneshaker & Faisal Goes West

SUN MAY 25 2:00 Felix - GKIDS