

THE AFRICAN DIASPORA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES AN INTERNATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Celebrate Black History Month from an international perspective in the spirit of the International Decade For People Of African Descent (2015 – 2024).

NEW YORK, NY, USA, February 15, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- From February 26 to 28, 2016 The [African Diaspora International Film Festival](#) (ADIFF) will [celebrate Black History Month](#) from an international perspective in the spirit of the International Decade For People Of African Descent (2015 – 2024). "Black History Month is today celebrated in the USA, the UK, Canada and Germany. So, this is a global celebration!" explains Dr. Reinaldo B. Spech, Co-Director of ADIFF.

The Opening Program of ADIFF's Celebrating Black History Month will feature three short and medium length films: "Sons of Benkos" by Lucas Silva which shows the evolution of Afro-Colombian music over generations while exploring the presence of African culture in Colombia, "Josephine Baker: Black Diva in a White Man's World" by Annette von Wangenheim, a tender, revealing documentary about one of the most

famous and popular performing artists of the twentieth century and "Ancestral Land" by Mary Ferreira about the Gullah Geechee peoples, descendants of African slaves in South Carolina and Georgia, and the struggle they are facing to hold on to their land and culture. The screenings will be followed by a panel discussion with Martina Donlon, UN Representative of the International Decade For People of African Descent, Mary Ferreira, UN TV producer of "Ancestral Land" and Dr. Reinaldo B. Spech, Co-Director of the African Diaspora International Film Festival. This free program will end with a reception.

On Saturday, February 27, ADIFF will spotlight the [history of the Caribbean](#) with a special focus on Haiti and Jamaica. "Jacques Roumain: Passion For A Country" by Arnold Antonin is an exploration of



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Haitian society of the late 19th and early 20th centuries that focuses on the tormented life of one of Haiti's most important authors and prominent political figures, Jacques Roumain. The two parts historic drama "Toussaint Louverture" by Philippe Niang is a portrait of the man who used his military genius and political acumen to lead the first successful slave uprising that led to the independence of Haiti.



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Filmed over a decade in Jamaica and the UK, "The Price of Memory" follows a group of Rastafari who petitioned Queen

Elizabeth II for slavery reparations on her last visit to Jamaica, and the lawsuit that followed. Director Karen Marks Mafundikwa will be available for a Q&A after the screening. "Time and Judgment" by Menelik Shabazz narrates the tribulations and successes of people of African descent in and out of Africa and offers an overview and a critical political analysis of four hundred years of the Black Liberation Movement.

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Two films on Sunday will focus on the African-American experience: the award winning documentary "Black Panthers, Vanguard of the Revolution" by Stanley Nelson and "Invisible Heroes: African-Americans in the Spanish Civil War" by Alfonso Domingo and Jordi Torrent, a revealing documentary about African Americans who joined the heroic struggle in defense of the Spanish Republic to fight against racism, and for civil rights denied to them in their own country. There will be a Q&A after the screening.

ADIFF will also present a special fundraiser screening of "Refugee: The Eritrean Exodus" by Chris Cotter about the plight of Eritrean refugees and their migration path through Ethiopia and into Israel. Ticket sales proceeds from this event – that will also include a panel discussion and reception - will be donated to local NGOs working with the refugees.

For more information ADIFF's Celebrating Black History Month, to receive screeners and high resolution images please contact Diarah N'Daw-Spech at (212) 864-1760/ fax (212) 316-6020 or e-mail pr@nyadiff.org. Festival web site: www.nyadiff.org.

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ADIFF'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION AT A GLANCE

WHERE

Teachers College, Columbia University
525 West 120th Street – 263 Macy & Cowin Center
Train 1 to 116th Street

Free street parking Saturday and Sunday

WHEN

Friday, February 26 to Sunday, February 28, 2016

SCHEDULE

Friday, February 26

6:30pm - Sons of Benkos + Josephine Baker + Ancestral Land

Saturday, February 27

1pm - Jacques Roumain, Passion for a Country

3pm - Toussaint Louverture PT I

4:45pm - Toussaint Louverture PT II

6:50pm - The Price of Memory + Q&A

9pm - Time & Judgement

Sunday, February 28

2pm - Invisible Heroes: African-Americans in the Spanish Civil War + Q&A

4pm - Refugee: The Eritrean Exodus + Reception

6:30pm - The Black Panthers: Vanguard of a Revolution

TICKET PRICES

Opening Program Friday, Feb. 26 FREE

Saturday and Sunday screenings: \$12/\$10

Refugee fundraiser with panel and reception: \$20

Weekend Pass: \$45

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