

## Award Winning Doc. MAMA AFRICA: MIRIAM MAKEBA! continues its US tour to great acclaim!

After an extended theatrical run in New York, Los Angeles and Atlanta, MAMA AFRICA: MIRIAM MAKEBA is screening all over the country from Honolulu to Florida!

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, April 16, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>MAMA AFRICA: MIRIAM MAKEBA</u> by Mika Kaurismaki introduces to a new generation of Americans the world-famous South African singer Miriam Makeba and her legacy.

Miriam Makeba (1932-2008) spent half a century travelling the world spreading her political message to fight racism, poverty and promote justice and peace. She fought for the oppressed most importantly for black Africans, as a campaigner against apartheid. She died November 2008 after a concert in Italy.

Mika Kaurismaki's documentary, traces fifty years of her music and her performing life. Through rare archive footage of her performances and through testimonies of her contemporaries and supporters including Harry Belafonte, Stokely Carmichael, Hugh Masekela, Paul Simon, Angélique Kidjo and many others - we discover Miriam Makeba's remarkable journey.



Poster Mama Africa: Miriam Makeba

"The filmmakers present Makeba as a woman divided between her political activism and music, and equally dedicated to both. She was the first black woman to speak at the United Nations, in 1963, and gained her nickname "Mama Africa" for the way she brought together the African continent and the

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A portrait of a woman ... whose dynamic range and earth-wide smile made the words and sounds pouring from her like a hand extended, a heart exposed, a story of the world made achingly real."

Los Angeles Times

attention she brought it from the rest of the world." -Hollywood Reporter

MAMA AFRICA: MIRIAM MAKEBA has received a 75% score on <u>Rotten Tomatoes</u> and 80% score from the public.

MAMA AFRICA: MIRIAM MAKEBA Genre: Documentary / Biography Country (Language): Germany, South Africa, Finland (English, French) Festivals/Awards: Berlinale, Tribeca Film Festival Director: Mika Kaurismäki (Three Wise Men, The House Of Branching Love, Road North).

Cast: Miriam Makeba, Harry Belafonte, Stokely Carmichael, Angélique Kidjo, Hugh Masekela, Paul Simon, Nelson Mandela

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ABOUT ARTMATTAN FILMS ArtMattan Films celebrates in 2017 twenty five years of exposing US audiences to a large variety of films about the human experience of people of color in many parts of the world. Films released by ArtMattan Films include Kirikou and the Sorceress, The Tracker, Gospel Hill, Scheherazade, Tell Me a Story, The First Rasta, The Pirogue and most recently White Lies. More info at http://www.AfricanFilm.com

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Young Miriam Makeba

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