

# THE SLEEPING NEGRO (Slamdance 2021) Acquired by ArtMattan Films

*ArtMattan Films has announced the acquisition of Black radical drama THE SLEEPING NEGRO by award-winning filmmaker Skinner Myers.*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, July 26, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [THE SLEEPING NEGRO](#) had its world premiere at Slamdance 2021. It is currently screening in festivals in the USA and around the world. It will start its US theatrical run on Dec. 3 at Cinema Village in New York and at the Glendale in LA, before getting a digital and home-video release.



The Sleeping Negro

THE SLEEPING NEGRO opens with James Baldwin's quote "To be a Negro in this country and to be relatively conscious is to be in rage almost all the time". It tells the story of a young Black man, simply identified as "Man," who must resolve the personal meaning of his blackness when his white boss orders him to commit fraud to benefit the corporation. Struggling with an overwhelming sense of shame for going through with the illegal demand, Man seeks consolation by discussing his unease with a black former friend and his white fiancé. This does not go well.

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moviemovesme.com*

“Following on the footsteps of the LA Rebellion filmmakers,

Skinner Myers tells a very personal and intimate Black story in a radically non-traditional cinematic style as a means to express freely his feelings as a Black man in America” says Dr. Reinaldo B. Spech, Principal at [ArtMattan Films](#). “We are delighted to get behind this amazing independent production and all that it represents. It is completely in line with our own vision as independent film distributors spotlighting the human experience of people of color all over the world. This film is unapologetic, powerful and, in my view, a meaningful and relevant film about the African-American experience that should be seen by everyone.” adds Dr. Spech.

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"Remaining asleep to Myers as an African-American is a sin, but so is to be completely awake to the point where love for the self is all but embraced. In this impassioned, vigorous, lucid cinematic journey, the bleak, bruised-yet-fighting spirit of one Kendrick Lamar's and every other prominent African artist strikes like lightning, and resonates like thunder." ~ LOUIE BAHAROM, [cinephiliaph.wordpress.com](http://cinephiliaph.wordpress.com)

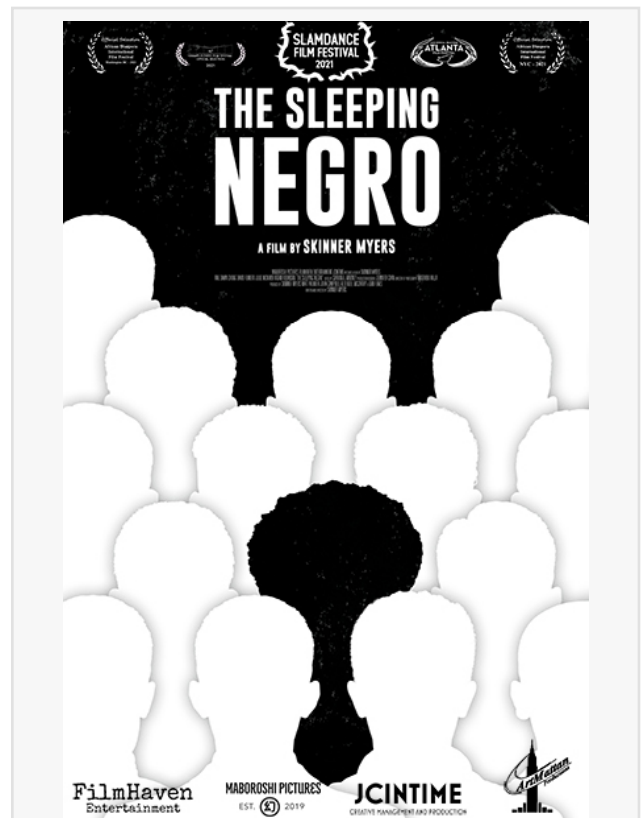
SKINNER MYERS is an award-winning filmmaker based out of Los Angeles. He has written and directed 11 films, including 'La Tierra del Exodo', 'Nightmares by the Sea', 'Things of Beauty Burn' and 'Frank Embree', which took home the Grand Jury Award at Hollyshorts. 'The Sleeping Negro' is his first feature film. Myers has studied at Columbia, Brooklyn College, the USC School of Cinematic Arts and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. from the University of Amsterdam.

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The Sleeping Negro Poster



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