

## Theatrical release of Karlovy Vary 2021 Grand Prize Winner AS FAR AS I CAN WALK at IFC Center on June 30, 2023

Special appearance by the film team at the theatrical release of Karlovy Vary 2021 Grand Prize Winner AS FAR AS I CAN WALK at IFC Center on June 30, 2023!

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, June 13, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Karlovy Vary 2021 Grand Prize Winner <u>As Far As I</u> <u>Can Walk</u> – original title Strahinja Banovic - by Serbian Oscar-nominated director Stefan Arsenijevic will get its US Theatrical Premiere release on June 30 at IFC Center in New York.



There will be a special appearance by the film team at the <u>theatrical release</u> for Q&As on 6/30, 7/1 & 7/2 with director Stefan Arsenijevic, cinematographer Jelena Stankovic, lead actor Ibrahim Koma and producer Miroslav Mogorovic.

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direction, and best acting.

As Far As I Can Walk is a re-imagining of a traditional medieval epic in which contemporary African migrants take the place of Serbian national heroes. 22-year-old Siisi, nicknamed Strahinja, is doing everything to integrate in Serbia. He volunteers for the Red Cross in the camp where he lives, looks for work, plays on the local football team... His biggest challenge, however, is to win back the woman he loves. When she disappears one day, Strahinja sets out to find her. Urgent and timeless at the same time, the adaptation raises questions about identity, tradition, race and love.

"It's a surprising and exhilarating blend of contemporary refugee story, love triangle and medieval Serbian poem." ~ Alisa Simon, <u>Variety</u>

"In his masterfully directed picture Stefan Arsenijević delivers a crystal clear, humanistic account of the need to find one's place in the world; this is also a tale of love, the most profound testimony of which might also be the most painful." ~ Lenka Tyrpáková, Karlovy Vary FF

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"The refugees are presented as broken and poor, but dignified, and as opposed to many other similarly themed films, we get real, flesh-and-blood characters in Strahinja and Ababuo, with well-defined personalities, pasts and hopes for the future. And therein lies the film's greatest strength: both actors are positively magnetic on the screen, but especially Koma, whose drive and extraordinary charisma often collide with Mensah-Offei's pride and headstrong ambition." ~ Vladan Petkovic, Cineuropa

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