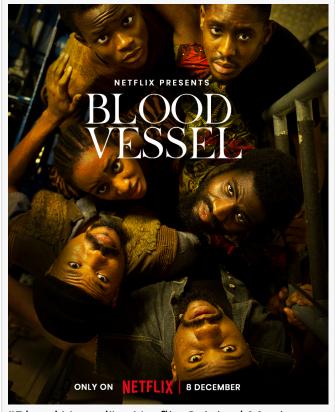


## Netflix Original Movie "Blood Vessel," a Drama Thriller Executive-Produced by Charles Okpaleke, Premieres on December 8

"Blood Vessel," the Netflix Original Movie, is a Nollywood suspense thriller directed by Moses Inwang and is included in Play Network Studios' collection.

HOLLYWOOD, CA, UNITED STATES, December 7, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Netflix Original Movie</u> "<u>Blood Vessel</u>" is set to captivate audiences with its highly anticipated debut, scheduled to showcase on Friday, December 8. <u>Produced by</u> <u>Play Network Studios and executive-produced by</u> <u>Charles Okpaleke</u>, "Blood Vessel" promises to be a gripping addition to Nollywood's cinematic landscape. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Moses Inwang, the film is poised to deliver a compelling narrative that will keep viewers on the edge of their seats.

To keep moviegoers on the edge of their seats, teasers that have been released have been amping up the anticipation for this thrilling Netflix



"Blood Vessel" a Netflix Original Movie

Original which showcases the collaboration of talented individuals in the Nollywood industry.

Ben Amadasun, Netflix's Vice President of Content in the Middle East and Africa, expresses, "We feel fortunate to present exceptional projects from some of Nigeria's most prolific creators. Collaborating with them has allowed us to highlight Nigeria's immense storytelling talent and creativity, making Netflix the premier destination for the best Nigerian stories for our audience in Nigeria and around the world." (References by This Day Live)

"Blood Vessel" is a drama-filled thriller that unfolds in the Niger Delta region, revolving around six individuals brought together by chance. Escaping a town devastated by oil pollution, they inadvertently become stowaways on a mysterious ship, unaware of the dangers that await. What was meant to be a shot at a better life becomes a fight for survival; testing friendship, betrayal, love, vulnerability, time, and chance.

This film delves into the immigration experience from lower-income countries, exploring themes of love, friendship, loyalty, and brotherhood, while also examining the depths of desperation and determination.

"It's a well-known fact that there is enormous potential in developing countries such as Nigeria, both tapped and untapped across various industries," Charles Okpaleke, Executive Producer and Producer of "Blood Vessel" stated. "However, it is



Actors Alex Cyr Budin and David Ezekiel in the Netflix Original Movie "Blood Vessel"

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Charles Okpaleke, Executive Producer and Producer of "Blood Vessel" uniquely ours, and we cannot expect anyone else to comprehend our experiences or narrate our stories better than we can. In doing so, we must ensure that we tell these stories excellently and professionally, characterized by honesty and utmost precision, adhering to the highest standards."

"Blood Vessel" features an ensemble cast, including Adaobi Dibor, David Ezekiel, Jidekene Achufusi, Sylvester Ekanem, Levi Chikere, Obinna Okenwa, Alex Cyr Budin, and René Mena. The film is set in Southern Nigeria, where characters Abbey, Boma, Degbe, Olotu, Tekena, and Oyinbraekemi desert their small island village in the Niger Delta region for different reasons. Tekena and Olotu sail to the

Americas for a shot at a better life, Boma and Degbe escape the military after a protest gone wrong, and Abbey and Oyinbraekemi, ill-fated lovers, try to escape destiny. The film promises a gripping on-sea survival drama with numerous twists and turns.

"For me, acting is the epitome of empathy," actor Adaobi Dibor explains. "Embracing Oyin's complete spectrum of emotions — pain, joy, sadness — and providing her with a voice has been one of my most profound experiences. I would gladly relive it a thousand times."

"Blood Vessel" is the newest production from Play Network Studios. The film is produced by

Charles Okpaleke, Arafat Bello-Osagie, Roxanne Adekunle-Wright, and Agozie Ugwu.

"Blood Vessel," a Netflix Original, is set to launch on December 8. With a runtime of 1 hour and 58 minutes, the film is presented in Ijaw and Pidgin English, with additional spoken languages, including Russian and Igbo. Subtitles are available.

For more information about Play Network Studios visit <u>https://playnetworkstudios.africa</u> and <u>stay connected on Instagram</u> @playnetworkstudios and @playnetworkafr.

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About Play Network Studios Play Network Studios, a subsidiary of Play Network Africa, an entertainment, events, and hospitality powerhouse established in 2007, initially operated as a hospitality brand across major Nigerian cities. In 2019, leveraging its robust brand equity, Play Network Africa strategically entered movie production with "Living in Bondage: Breaking Free," a remake of the 1992 drama thriller that marked Nigeria's official launch of Nollywood. This resulted in multiple awards at the 2020 Africa Magic Viewers Choice Awards



Actors in "Blood Vessel" a Netflix Original Movie -Obinna Christian Okenwa, Levi Chikere, Jidekene Achufusi, Sylvester Ekanem, David Ezekiel and Adaobi Dibor



Cast of "Blood Vessel" a Netflix Original Movie -Francis Duru, Obinna Christian Okenwa, Sylvester Ekanem and Levi Chikere

(AMVCA) and the breaking of records held by distinguished Nollywood movies.

Africa. Notable releases include "RattleSnake - The Ahanna Story," "Nneka the Pretty Serpent," "Aki and PawPaw" in 2021, and "Glamour Girls" in 2022. The latter swiftly ascended to Netflix's global top 10, securing its position as the all-time highestperforming Nigerian film and series, according to Top Charts Africa and Flix Patrol's ranking system. Play Network Studios remains dedicated to crafting Pan-African classics that resonate with both local and international audiences.



Still photo of Actors Levi Chikere and Jidekene Achufusi in "Blood Vessel" a Netflix Original Movie

In January 2022, Charles Okpaleke joined Play Network Studios as one of

the co-founders, having been associated with the studio since its establishment.

## About Netflix

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