



International Images Film Festival for Women

9th Edition

Presents

Women of Decision 2010

HARARE
Dates: 19 - 27 November 2010
Venues: Alliance Francaise, Ster Kinekor - Eastgate and Zimbabwe German Society.

BULAWAYO
Dates: 1 - 2 December 2010
Venues: Makokoba - Stanley Hall
GWANDA
Date: 2 December 2010
Venue: Edward Ndllovu Memorial Library

“ A D M I S S I O N F R E E ”

Queen Hatshepsut - she was the greatest pharaoh of all

IIFF Harare	Fri 19 Nov	Sat 20 Nov	Sun 21 Nov	Mon 22 Nov	Tue 23 Nov	Wed 24 Nov	Thu 25 Nov	Fri 26 Nov	Sat 27 Nov	IIFF Bulawayo	Wed 01 Dec	Thurs 02 Dec
STER-KINEKOR, EASTGATE												
12.30		GOD'S OFFICES FRA 2008	STARRING MAJA SWE 2009	SUMMER IN BERLIN 2005						Makokoba-Stanley Hall		
15.00		TOKYO TOWER JAP 2007	BEACHES OF ANGELS FRA 2008	GOD'S OFFICES FRA 2008	MY VOICE POR 2002					1230hrs	STARRING MAJA SWE 2009	
17.30	I WANT A WEDDING DRESS, Parts 1,2,3, Zim 2010	STARRING MAJA SWE 2009	MY VOICE POR 2002	TOKYO TOWER JAP 2007	BEACHES OF ANGELS FRA 2008				IIFF 2010 WINNING FILM	1430hrs	ZIMBABWE, SA 2008	
20.00		SUMMER IN BERLIN GER 2005										
THE CENTRE OF THE SOUTH, ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, 328 HERBERT CHITEPO AVENUE										IIFF Byo Outreach-GWANDA		
12.00		THE WITCHES OF GAMBAGA GHA/UK 2009; SHE'S GOT AFRICA ON HER SHOULDERS I. COAST 2008	IZULU LAMI SA 2008	SHIRLEY ADAMS SA 2009	FIGHTING SPIRIT GHA 2007	AN UNCOMMON WOMAN B, FASO 2008	Shorts 2: Rider without a Horse, Catch 22, Three and a Half Lives, Burning Man			Edward Ndllovu Memorial Library		
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16.00	Starts 1530 IZULU LAMI SA 2008	FIGHTING SPIRIT GHA 2007	SHORTS 3: CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME, THE TUNNEL, PUMZI	BETWEEN THE CUP AND ELECTION DRC/BEL 2008	SHORTS 3: CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME, THE TUNNEL, PUMZI	HOMELAND RWA 2005	Shorts 1: Cry of Sea, Cries at Night, CamelThorns, Impasse, Timpoko, S1 *filmmakers present			1130hrs		I WANT A WEDDING DRESS, Parts 1,2,3, Zim 2010
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WELCOME!

It is with great pleasure that Women Filmmakers of Zimbabwe presents the 9th edition of the International Images Film Festival for Women (IIFF), the only professional women's festival south of the Sahara. Running under the theme WOMEN OF DECISION which investigates among other things, the societal pressures women face when making decisions for themselves, their families, and the community, IIFF will continue to stand out as a festival where people are not only entertained but are also educated and inspired.

IIFF received an overwhelming response of more than 100 films of different genres from across the globe. The selection was stiff but IIFF is proud to say more and more women are coming out of their closets to tell their stories and through their eyes. Screenings will be held at Ster Kinekor - Eastgate, Alliance Francaise and the Zimbabwe German Society in Harare where the premier television showcase, INPUT will take place. The Bulawayo leg of the festival will be celebrated at the Stanley Hall in Makokoba and finally for the first time ever, the Gwanda community will get an opportunity to watch the films at the Edward Ndllovu Memorial Library.

This year, IIFF incorporates some exceptional local films and therefore sees it fitting to open and close with local productions. The Ndichirimupenyu (While I Am Still Alive) Awards will this year take place in collaboration with UNIFEM during a special event on Gender Based Violence

In attendance will be acclaimed filmmakers from Belgium, Britain, Poland, Belgium, Malawi, Mozambique and Namibia taking part in different training workshops.

As always, it is necessary for us to thank the people without whose help this festival would not be possible. In particular, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to SIDA, Culture Fund, UNIFEM and Afrykamera, the corporate world for coming on board as well as friends, partners who have always supported IIFF. WFOZ team, your support is appreciated. We would also like to thank the audiences who love and support IIFF.

Yvonne Jila
Programmes Officer

FROM A WHISPER dir. Wanuri Kahui
Kenya 2009, Feature, 79mins, DVD
When an intelligence officer and a young, rebellious artist discover that they both lost somebody in the US Embassy bombing 10 years ago, they learn how to confront their fears and forgive.

GOD'S OFFICES dir. Claire Simon
France 2008, Feature, 122mins, 35mm
A realist dramedy about dedicated social workers who devote their long shifts to helping pregnant women.

Greatest Silence: Rape In The Congo, The dir. Lisa F. Jackson
DRC, 2007, Documentary, 76mins, DVD
This film features interviews with activists, peacekeepers, physicians and even- chillingly- the indifferent rapists who are soldiers of the Congolese Army. Despite all the harrowing moments talking to survivors and perpetrators, this powerful film also provides inspiring examples of resiliency, resistance, courage and grace. Winner of IIFF 2009 Documentary Award!

HOMELAND dir. Jacqueline Kalimunda
Rwanda/ France 2005, Documentary, 90mins, DVD
Homeland is a journey around Rwanda , with characters from two different generations: those who were 20 years old during the genocide and those who are old enough to have been 20 during the sixties, the independence years.

HOW THE THEMERSONS WALKED BACKWARDS dir. Victoria Davies-Szymanska
Poland/ France/Netherlands/UK 2008, Documentary, 72mins, DVD
The film retraces the love story of an unusual and unique creative union. Franciszka and Stefan Themerson lived and worked together for almost sixty years, first in Poland, then in France and eventually they settled in England.

IMPASSE dir. Bram Schouw
Netherlands 2008, Short Film, 5mins, DVD
A beautiful short about a young Nazi skinhead who finds himself sitting with a young black woman on a suburban night train.

IN THE TIME OF THE BUTTERFLIES dir. Mariano Barroso
Mexico 2001, TV-Movie, 89mins, DVD with Salma Hayek
A young woman and her sisters fight against the brutality of the rule of Leonidas Trujillo, life-long dictator (1930-1961) of the Dominican Republic.The day of the Mirabal sisters' death, Nov 25th, is observed in many Latin American countries as the Day against Violence towards Women.

THE FESTIVAL FILMS:

AN UNCOMMON WOMAN dir. Abdoulaye Dao
Burkina Faso 2008, Feature, 100mins, DVD
Mina, the Chairperson and Managing Director, decided to have co-spouses. For which reason! Her husband Dominique, unemployed 'was cooing' with Aicha, the neighbor's wife...

AT STAKE dir. U. Agustin, M. Ihsan, L. Kuswandi, I. Setiawan, A. E.Susanti
Indonesia, 2008, Documentary 127mins, DVD
At stake is a brave and eye-opening documentary anthology tackling taboo issues that many women are facing in the world's most populous Islamic country, Indonesia. Topics range from female genital mutilation to the conflict that arises when unmarried women want to go to the gynecologist.

BEACHES OF ANGELS, The dir. Angès Varda
France 2008, Documentary, 110mins, 35mm
Agnès Varda explores her memories, mostly chronologically, with photographs, film clips, interviews, reenactments, and droll, playful contemporary scenes of her narrating her story.

BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE dir. Vahur Laiapaa
Estonia 2008, documentary, 58mins, DVD
From every corner of Estonia, mentally challenged young women are preparing for the beauty pageant Miss Vaimukad. The winner goes on to make her own movie.

BETWEEN THE CUP AND THE ELECTION dir. Monique Mbeka Phoba& Guy Kabeya Muya
DRC/Belgium 2008, documentary, 56mins, DVD
The Leopards, Zaire's 1974 world-cup team, where are they today.Did they vanish into obscurity or are they running for political office? DRC's veteran filmmaker Monique Phoba can tell...

BOLLYWOOD BOUND dir. Nisha Pahuja
Canada 2001, Documentary, 85mins, DVD
Bollywood Bound is a feature length documentary which tells the story of four young Indo Canadians who return to Bombay to find fame and fortune in the Hindi film industry, and who are at various stages of success.

BURNING MAN, The dir Adze Udjah
SA 2008, Documentary, 24mins, DVD
Burning Man is a story of a Mozambican man burnt to death by a xenophobic mob in South Africa. Nigerian Filmmaker Adze Udjah follows his footsteps.

CATCH 22 dir. Simbi Gibson
Namibia 2010, Documentary, 24mins, DVD
A young lady is trapped between two choices, to kill her unborn baby and get her presti-

I WANT A WEDDING DRESS dir. Tsitsi Dangarembga
Zimbabwe 2010, 3-part Feature, 89 min, DVD
The story of young Kundisai Sande who desperately wants to get married but finds herself in a sexual network with disastrous consequences. Her boyfriend Teri deserts her, only to find himself in the same sexual network. Mahachi, the successful, promiscuous businessman who seduces Kundisai, brings infection to the marriage bed. In the midst of their misery, the players in the sexual network come to realise that One Love can conquer all. OUT OF COMPETITION

IZULU LAMI, MY SECRET SKY dir. Madoda Ncayiyana
SA 2009, Feature, 93mins, DVD
A young girl and her little brother leave their rural homestead for the city when they are orphaned, and meet up with a gang of street kids. Hoping to fulfill their mother's dream, in the end they find their own.

KICK IN IRAN dir. Fatima Geza Abdollahyan
Germany 2010, 82 min, documentary, DVD
'Kick In Iran' gives insights into the life of Tae Kwon Do fighter Sara Koshjamal- the first female athlete from Iran who has ever qualified for the Olympic games.

LOBOLA dir. Joe Ngagu
Zimbabwe 2010, 93mins, Drama, HD
The mutilation of the African marriage custom by a cosmopolitan groom, his brothers and their accomplice, the bride. OUT OF COMPETITION

MALL GIRLS dir. Katarzyna Roscaniec
Poland 2009, Feature, 77mins, DVD
Mall Girls looks at the trials and pitfalls of adolescence that can occur when moral support is lacking for a young teenager.

ME, MY GIPSY FAMILY AND WOODY ALLEN dir. Laura Halilovic
Italy 2009, Documentary, 50mins, DVD
A documentary by 19-year-old Laura Halilovic, won the Bellaria Film Festival 2009, "for the ability to describe in a soft, at times ironic, but always direct way, her own story, the one of her family and through these the difficult conditions of Gypsies in Italy.

MY VOICE dir. Flora Gomes
Portugal 2002, Feature, 110mins, 35mm
It has always been a firm conviction of Vita's family that any woman who sings, will die. While in France, Vita becomes an international recording star. She realizes that sooner or later her mother in Africa will learn about it. To solve this dilemma she goes back to her native village and stages her own death and resurrection.

gious dream job or to keep the baby and lose the job.
CAMEL THORNS dir. Genevieve Tanya Detering
Namibia 2010, Short Film, 17mins, DVD
Set in Namibia, Africa, this short film serves as a teaser for a feature project and tells the story of two girls, Marie (Nicole Davidow) and Jessica (Klara Mudge) who find themselves in a threatening and life-altering situation.

CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME dir.
Denmark/Kenya 2010, Documentary, 29mins, DVD,
"Rose Nyambura is among the characters featured in the film Challenges Of Our Time portraying lives of women in Kenya.
Rose is living in Korogocho, a slum dwelling just outside Nairobi, with her grandmother.
CRIES AT NIGHT dir. Oshosheni Hiveluah
Namibia, 2009, Short Film,13mins, DVD
Lazurus' niece is involved in an accident where he meets Victor. Something about Victor leaves Lazurus restless and he can't forget the encounter or the man.

CRY OF THE SEA dir. Aicha Thiam
Senegal 2008, Documentary, 26mins, DVD
The "cry of the Sea" is the struggle of a mother, Yaye Bayam DIOUF, who lost her only son in a dugout (or boat) for the Canary Islands.
ESTERHAZY dir Izabela Plucinska
Poland/ Germany, 2009, Short Film, 23mins, DVD
The story of a small Esterhazy and his research of Bunnies's Paradies that truly existed between East and West part of the Berlin Wall.
EXIT dir. Malgorzata Bielkowska-Buehlmann
Poland 2009, Documentary, 29mins, DVD
This film was shot between 10th and 20th October 1989 and contains unique footage of the "Autumn of Nations" of 1989 – the beginning of transformation in Central-Eastern Europe. Through Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland people try to escape west. This film documents the emotions of desperate people in a moment of historical change.

FIGHTING SPIRIT dir. George Amponsah
UK/ Ghana 2007, Documentary, 80mins, DVD
Bukom is a tiny shanty suburb of Accra in Ghana, and a factory for the toughest, most skilled boxers in the world.
FRAGMENT OF HISTORY dir. Uma Chakravati
India 2009, Documentary, 22mins, DVD
This documentary is based on the life of Subblakshmi who was born in 1897 and died in 1978, lived in Tamilnadu and was involved with the national movement for independence

NOTHING PERSONAL dir. Urszula Antoniak
Netherlands/Ireland 2009, Feature, 85mins, DVD
A young female rebel and an old sage challenge each other in a story about personal freedom and attachment. She is a young Dutch woman, who becomes a vagabond by choice and finds solitude in an austere Irish landscape.

ONE WAR dir. Vera Glagoleva
Russia 2009, Feature, 85mins, DVD
Among modern films about WWII, Vera Glagoleva's "One War" stands apart in many ways. Exploring themes that have been a taboo subject for years, the film strikes a very painful and dramatic chord.

P-STAR RISING dir. Gabriel Noble
Austria 2009, Documentary, 84mins, DVD
When Jesse discovers that his youngest daughter Priscilla can rap and perform, he sees redemption for his own failed music career and financial salvation for his family, and commits his life to make her a star.

PEARLS OF THE EAST, The dir. Zulkamain Meinardy
Indonesia 2009, Documentary, 23mins, DVD
A young girl living on an isolated mountain is struggling to attain an education and realizes that school is the most precious thing in her life.

PINK SARIS dir. Kim Longinotto
UK 2010, Feature, 97mins, DVD
'A girl's life is cruel...A woman's life is very cruel', notes Sampat Pal, the complex protagonist at the centre of Kim Longinotto's latest foray into the lives of extraordinary women.

RIDER WITHOUT THE HORSE
Namibia/ Germany, 2008, DVD, 11mins, Short Film
As Namibia celebrates its 18years, a colonial monument German Soldier steps down from his monument and is confronted by the Namibian army.

SACRED HEART dir. Ferzan Ozpetek
Italy, 2005, DVD, 116mins, Feature
Sacred Heart is a 'love story', of a woman coming to her true self , in a confrontation with her past, and the memory of her mother; the present, and the death of a young girl whom she befriended; and the future, and the direction her life will take.

SHE'S GOT AFRICA ON HER SHOULDERS dir. Idriss Diabate
Ivory Coast 2008, Documentary, 55mins, DVD
Portraits of ordinary African women from Ivory Coast and Burkina Faso, who spend 10hours a day working in order to better their lives as well as to those around them.

