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Welcome Film Lovers,

We are delighted to be partnering with ArtMattan Productions again to bring you an outstanding selection of films from the global black experience. The African Diaspora Summer Film Series will offer you many opportunities to immerse yourself in an eclectic mix of foreign, independent, classic and urban films.

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TICKET PRICES:

OPENING NIGHT \$15

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HOT SUMMER FUN PASS:

PURCHASE TICKETS FOR 4 FILMS \$40

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(DOES NOT INCLUDE OPENING NIGHT)



(2008), 90min, UK/USA, documentary in English

Directed by: Daniela Zanzotto

Filmed over the course of nine years, *Zoned In* traces the remarkable real-life journey of 16-year-old Daniel from a Bronx high school to an Ivy League university while simultaneously exploring the role of race and class in the American education system.

Narrated by Daniel himself, the movie celebrates the accomplishments of this extraordinary young man but does not shy away from depicting his struggles to fit in amongst the privileged students at his college and his candid questioning of a system that has allowed him to excel but has left so many of his friends and family members behind. By the age of 15, Daniel had sold drugs, fathered a son, witnessed his mother's arrest, and watched two of his brothers get thrown in jail.

Despite his optimism about the opportunities that await him there, upon arrival he finds himself ill prepared both socially and academically. Propelled by his determination to return to and have a positive impact on his Bronx neighborhood, Daniel ultimately manages to refocus himself and succeed academically, but his faith in the US educational system is shaken along the way.

OPENING FILM. FRI, AUGUST 22 @ 8:30PM

OPENING RECEPTION 7PM - 8:30

Q&A WITH DANIEL AFTER THE SCREENING



made in jamaica

(2006) 110min, Jamaica/France/US, documentary, English

Directed by Jerome Laperrousez

From the crime and violence of the ghetto to political responsibility; from the history of slavery and colonization, to the legacy of Bob Marley and the idea of salvation through music from religion and the Rasta movement to sex, music, women and their role in Jamaican music, *Made in Jamaica* explores the multifaceted reality of Jamaican music through interviews with and musical performances by such artists as Capleton, Elephant Man, Bunny Wailer, Toots & the Maytals, Bounty Killer, Gregory Isaacs, Tanya Stephens, Third World, and many more.

SAT, AUGUST 23 @ 8:30PM



cuba: an african odyssey

(2007), 118min, France, documentary in French, English, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish with English subtitles. Directed by Jihan el Tahri

This enthralling documentary plots the intensive Cuban support for African revolutionary movements. First with Che Guevara's mission into the Congo to avenge the death of Lumumba and then Cuba's support of Amílcar Cabral's uprising in Guinea-Bissau, the film traces the pivotal role played by Cuba's international policy in helping independence struggles in Africa.

SUN, AUGUST 24 @ 1:30PM & SUN, AUGUST 31 @ 1:30PM.

AFRO-LATINO MUSIC PROGRAM:



hands of god

(2004) 54min, Peru, documentary, Spanish with English subtitles

Directed by Delia Ackerman

Afro-Peruvian music is rooted in multiples rhythms coming from Africa. Mixing the traditional and the contemporary, from cajón to Jazz, famous percussionist Julio "Chocolate" Algondones composed and played many music styles, taught all over the world and contributed to the creative development of numerous artists including the dance group Peru Negro.

SUN, AUGUST 24 @ 4:00PM & SAT, AUGUST 30 @ 6:00PM.



son of benkos

(2003) 52min, Colombia/France, documentary, Spanish with English subtitles

Directed by Silva Lucas

An entertaining documentary that explores the African culture of Colombia through music. The film presents the music of the Sons of Benkos, one of the most important Black leaders in the fight for freedom during the times of slavery in Colombia.

SUN, AUGUST 24 @ 4:00PM AND SAT, AUGUST 30 @ 6:00PM.



no time to die

(2007) 95min, Ghana/Germany, comedy in English

Directed by King Ampaw

In this beguiling, comical love story by renowned Ghanaian filmmaker Ampaw, a hearse driver will do anything to win the affections of a lady he has fallen in love with—from offering to convoy dead bodies of her relations to showering her with gifts of culinary treats like grasscutter meat and driving out to Kokrobite Beach to see her. However, the suitor faces very stiff opposition from his father-in-law to be, who vows that his daughter will not marry a hearse driver.

SAT, AUGUST 23 @ 6:30PM AND FRI, AUGUST 29 @ 6:30PM.



yousou n'dour: return to goree

(2006) 90min, Switzerland/Luxembourg/Senegal, musical documentary, English and French with English subtitles. Directed by Pierre-Yves Borgeaud

Yousou N'Dour, the internationally renown Senegalese singer gives a Jazz concert on the island of Gorée to commemorate the humanity of those who started their journey in life as slaves and created, against all odds, one of the most important and celebrated musical expressions in the world.

FRI, AUG 29 @ 8:30PM & SAT, AUG 30 @ 8:30PM & SUN, AUG 31 @ 4:00PM

FRIDAY 8/22

7-8:30 P.M. OPENING FILM RECEPTION

8:30 P.M. ZONED IN

SATURDAY 8/23

6:30 P.M. NO TIME TO DIE

8:30 P.M. MADE IN JAMAICA

SUNDAY 8/24

1:30 P.M. CUBA: AN AFRICAN ODYSSEY

4:00 P.M. AFRO-LATINO MUSIC PROGRAM:
HANDS OF GOD & SONS OF BENKOS

FRIDAY 8/29

6:30 P.M. NO TIME TO DIE

8:30 P.M. YOUSOU N'DOUR: RETURN TO GOREE

SATURDAY 8/30

6:00 P.M. AFRO-LATINO MUSIC PROGRAM:
HANDS OF GOD & SONS OF BENKOS

8:30 P.M. YOUSOU N'DOUR: RETURN TO GOREE

SUNDAY 8/31

1:30 P.M. CUBA: AN AFRICAN ODYSSEY

4:00 P.M. YOUSOU N'DOUR: RETURN TO GOREE

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