**RULES AFRIKA FILMFESTIVAL 2014**

Surprisingly only a small number of the abundant and diverse African films made arrive on Belgian screens.  Nevertheless, these films are clear and marked testimonies of the many facets of Africa and Africans across the globe.  African cinema is a fresh and authentic window on the world, confronting the racial and cultural stereotypes on the ‘dark continent’.

The Afrika Filmfestival wants to support in a fair and sustainable manner the African film world. The most important aim is to distribute African films in Belgium. The Afrika Filmfestival has in the meantime become the link between African filmmakers and Belgian distributors. In that way it has acquired a unique expertise in African films.
The event is centred in Leuven. The rest of Belgian cinemas and cultural establishments are opening their doors to contemporary African film makers during the festival.

The public can meet filmmakers, actors and actresses, who come to present their films. With these films and debates, many people do often discover the unknown world of film and culture.

The Afrika Filmfestival in Leuven is the most important annual showcase for African films in the Benelux. The festival tries to promote African cinema supporting distribution and national release of features, (co-)organizing conferences, publishing books on African cinema and consulting other festivals and institutions. And… obviously screening African films…

The main aims of its politics and programming can be summarized as follows:

1)  To provide an alternative for filmmakers and producers to have screening opportunities which mainstream distribution does not grant them, and thus generating some income for them that, in turn, provides them with the opportunities and means to continue filming and producing.

2)  To create a stage in which films by Africans and African culture can be visible and present in Benelux media on a permanent basis.

Therefore, the festival establishes many collaborations with film professionals in Benelux, in the rest of Europe and all over Africa.

**CALL FOR ENTRIES – AFRIKA FILMFESTIVAL**

**Film Submissions are now open for the Afrika Filmfestival 2014.**

Accepted are documentaries, feature films and shorts.

Application Deadline – 31 decembre 2013

We are very pleased to welcome you during the 19th Afrika Filmfestival.

From March 21 to 5 april 2014 the festival will screen 100+ films, including world and Belgian premieres, african classics and more experimental works at the Kinepolis Theater, Cinema Zed and Museum M. In addition to ten days of screenings, many public and VIP events including panel discussions, receptions and networking round-tables will be organized.

Place Festival: Leuven and 20 other cities

Date: in Leuven from 21 march – 5 april 2014

The call for entries for the AFF 2014 is open to short and long fiction, animation, documentary films.

To submit your film for consideration send a vimeo link to guido.huysmans1@telenet.be

Also DVD (PAL) accepted for preview.

The AFF needs also

* Presskit
* minimum two pictures/ stills (high) resolution of the film
* biography and picture of the filmmaker

Deadline for submissions to pre-selection: December 31 2013

Competitions: Audience Award, Student Award.

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