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# AFRICAN ODYSSEYS

Inspirational films by and about  
the people of Africa, from archive  
classics to new cinema.

August – December 2010

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# Explore the African roots in world cinema through our monthly matinee programme of films and talks

Each screening will be introduced by a key speaker and followed by a discussion. This programme has been devised in conjunction with the African-Caribbean consultative group at the BFI Southbank.

## AFRICAN REMEMBRANCE DAY

### Jamaica for Sale

Jamaica 2006. Dir Esther Figueroa. 92min  
Documentary about the injustice of Jamaica's recent tourist development.

Sat 21 Aug 11:00 NFT1

### Poto Mitan

US, Haiti. 2009. Dir Renée Bergan and Mark Schuller. 50min. Creole, English, EST

Writer Edwidge Danticat presents the stories of five women living in Haiti.

### + Mario Benjamin

Switzerland 2008. Dir Irene Lichtenstein. 53min. Creole. French. EST

A look at the life and work of an internationally acclaimed Haitian artist.

Sat 21 Aug 14:00 NFT1

Double-bill followed by discussion

## NIGERIA DAY

### Archive Nigeria

The untold history of Naij in words and rare footage.

Sat 30 Oct 11:00 NFT2

The event is free to ticket holders for *The Figurine*, subject to availability.

### The Figurine Araromire + shorts from new directors

Nigeria 2009. Dir Kunle Afolayan. 120min.

Groundbreaking thriller in which a mysterious charm changes the lives of three friends.

+ selected shorts from new Nigerian directors.

Sat 30 Oct 14:00 NFT1

### Cy Grant (8.11.19 – 13.2.10)

A special tribute to the Guyanese lawyer, actor, singer, writer, broadcaster and cultural activist.

Sun 7 Nov 11:00 – 16:00

## FREE SENIORS MATINEE

### Proud Valley

UK 1940. Dir Penrose Tennyson. 76min  
An African-American miner is 'adopted' by a Welsh mining community a year before WWII.

Thu 2 Sept 14:00 NFT1

### Mother Country – Front-Line Films

An illustrated talk about Black Britons in wartime cinema.

Fri 10 Sept 11:00 NFT3

### The 16 of Basse Point

#### Les 16 de Basse Pointe

France. 2009. Dir Camille Maudeuch. 108min. French Creole. EST

In 1948 a white settler is killed and 16 cane cutters are arrested and taken to stand trial in France. This documentary 'whodunnit' looks at the legacy of slavery in Martinique.

### + Full Moon at Volga Beach Plaine Lune a Volga Plage

Martinique. 2004. Dir Camille Mauduech. 15min. French. EST

A love story of everyday life in Martinique.

Sat 18 Sept 14:00 NFT1

### The Negro Soldier

Dir Frank Capra. USA 1943. 49min.

WW2 film that was intended to build pride among the black community while educating wider US society. + related programme.

Sat 20 Nov 14:00 NFT3

### Besouro

Dir João Daniel Tikhomiroff. Brazil. 2009. 95 mins. EST

Not-to-be-missed new action-drama set in 1920s Brazil with a score from Gilberto Gil.

It follows the exciting story of the life of a legendary *capoeirista* who seeks revenge for the murder of his master and fights against racial discrimination in his neighbourhood.

Sat 18 Dec 14:00 NFT1

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