

Relentless

A film by Andy Amadi Okoroafor

Featuring: Nneka Egbuna, Gideon Okeke, Jimmy Jean-Louis

Saturday, 24th August 2013, 7PM

Q&A: 9PM; Moderation: Marc-André Schmachtel (Director, Goethe-Institut Lagos)

Art Directors: Dr. Bonaventure S.B. Ndikung, Dr. Elena Agudio

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Loneliness and love rise in an intricate duet from this storyline of self-discovery, set against the backdrop of the throbbing city of Lagos, Nigeria. The haunting plot delicately explores the effects of war and loss.

Obi is a peace-keeping soldier in war-worn Sierra Leone, where he meets Blessing, a local woman. His life is devastated when he discovers that she has been mutilated by rebels. On his return to Lagos, Obi is tormented by the scars of war. By day, he runs a small security company with Ola, his best friend and fellow war veteran. At night, he roams the lonely streets of Lagos. Meanwhile, elections are imminent in Nigeria and a powerful politician signs a lucrative contract with Obi's firm, in order to ensure the personal security of his candidate. Honey, a street hooker, enters Obi's life abruptly, as she seeks for her lost girlfriend, last seen with powerful politicians and feared to be involved in a ritual sacrifice.

With music by award-winning singer/songwriter Nneka - featured here as leading actress, Tony Allen – late Fela Kuti's drummer, and Keziah Jones' "BluFunk" fusion, *Relentless* recounts the story of a sprawling big city, where its vibrant inhabitants are yet not impervious to the sporadic agony of lonesomeness.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A moderated by Marc-André Schmachtel (Director, Goethe-Institut Lagos).

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