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# THE 15<sup>TH</sup> AFRICAN FILM

# FESTIVAL

MARCH 26–28, 2021

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 26 7 PM**

## BLACK MAMBA

*In Arabic with English subtitles*  
Amel Guellaty, Tunisia, 2017, 20 minutes

For Sarra, a middle-class girl from Tunis, everything seems to be going as her mother planned: she is taking sewing lessons, and she is soon to be married to a good boy. But Sarra is hiding a dangerous plan that she hopes will help her escape her current life.

*Best Short, FESPACO, 2019*

## SUBIRA

*In Swahili with English subtitles*  
Ravneet Sippy Chadha, Kenya, 2018, 99 minutes

A free-spirited young girl on the island of Lamu struggles to live out her dream of swimming in the ocean, which is against local customs. Does Subira have the courage to take her dream on, against all odds?

*Best Picture, Kalasha International Film and TV Awards, 2018*

*Q & A with award-winning filmmaker with Ekwa Msangi*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27 7 PM**

## A FOOL GOD

*In Amharic with English subtitles*  
Hiwot Getaneh, Ethiopia, 2018, 18 minutes

When young Mesi steps in for her squeamish brother to perform a traditional — male-only — ritual, she faces blame for the negative outcome. Instead, she defiantly questions the wisdom of her elders' beliefs.

## BAAMUM NAFI/NAFI'S FATHER

*In Fulani with English subtitles*  
Mamadou Dia, Senegal, 2019, 107 minutes

A fight between an Imam and his powerful brother over their children's marriage leads to a debate about tradition, progress, and the true nature of Islam in a small town in northeastern Senegal.

*Best First Feature, Locarno International Film Festival, 2019*  
*Young Adults Jury Award, Black Movie Film Festival, 2020*

*Followed by Q & A with the filmmaker. Co-presented by the Senegalese Association of Saint Louis.*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28 7 PM**

## NEFTA FOOTBALL CLUB

*In Arabic with English subtitles*  
Yves Piat, Tunisia, 2018, 17 minutes

In a Tunisian village, children are playing football on a wasteland. Meanwhile, Abdallah and Mohammed come across a donkey with headphones on his ears and bags full of a white powder on his back. The two young brothers decide to bring those bags back to their village.

## YOU WILL DIE AT TWENTY

*In Arabic with English subtitles*  
Amjad Abu Alala, Sudan, 2019, 104 minutes

When Muzamil was born, a prophecy by the holy man of the village predicts that he will die when he is 20 years old. Muzamil's father cannot stand the doom and travels away from home. Growing up under the constant loom of death, Muzamil becomes increasingly curious about what it means to live beyond his mother's confines. One day, Muzamil turns 19.

*Grand prize, Amiens International Film Festival, 2019*  
*Luigi De Laurentiis Award, Venice Film Festival, 2019*

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 27 10 AM**

## BELLY FLOP

*In English*  
Jeremy Collins and Kelly Dillon, South Africa, 2018, 5 minutes

Persistence pays off when an unashamed young girl learning to dive is unperturbed by a talented diver who steals the spotlight.

*Winner, Giffoni Film Festival, 2018*

## THE SHADOW OF CAIRO

*In Arabic with English subtitles*  
Tara Shehata, Egypt, 2019, 15 minutes

After her mother's death, Maya, an ordinary Egyptian girl, sets out to become a Superhero vigilante.

## OS PESTINHAS E O LADRAO DE BRINQUEDOS

*In Portuguese with English subtitles*  
Nildo Essa, Mozambique, 2014, 13 minutes

When one of the "children" of the Brats is stolen by the local bully, it's up to them to retrieve it at all costs. At some point they discover that there are more toys that were stolen from other kids and that this bully plans to sell them.

## UM PRESENTE ESPECIAL

*In Portuguese with English subtitles*  
Nildo Essa, Mozambique, 2019, 6 minutes

Lili, Stretch, and Zegordo decide to surprise their friend Rosita by decorating her school for the neighborhood's annual Christmas dinner. However, they didn't expect to deal with Stinky, who is a jealous kid and is willing to spoil the decorations and the event altogether.

## LA GITA/SCHOOL TRIP

*In Italian with English subtitles*  
Salvatore Allocca, Senegal/Italy, 2018, 13 minutes

At the age of 14, Megalie, daughter of an immigrant family from Senegal but born and brought up in Italy, is faced with the difficult task of finding a place for herself in the world she is living in. When she is denied the opportunity of taking part in a school trip abroad, that place in the world will seem unattainable to her.

*Best Director, Best Cinematography, 75 Venice Film Festival ("MIGRARTI" competition), 2019*

*Eye on Youth Watch Party at 10 am followed by a panel with African illustrators and animators Kwame Nyong'o and Comfort Arthur. Watch the film with other viewers.*