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bfm International film festival 2015 12th Edition

*Black Film Maker (bfmiff2015) Official Films represent a range of filmmaking talent from around the
Globe*

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London— May 18, 2015. The bfmiff2015 12th Edition has announced its official program, a strong schedule of films, documentaries and shorts, reflecting the diverse array of black film making talent internationally and in the UK. The screenings mark bfmiff2015 dedication to support independent film. The festival runs from the **Thurs 2nd to Sun 5th July '15** at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre (BGAC) in London.

The bfmiff2015 includes films from the USA, Europe, Africa, Caribbean, and South America, including features, documentaries and animation alongside industry led workshops and seminars. The bfm festival, which started in 1999/98 is the longest running black independent film festival in the UK.

bfmiff2015 will screen a selection of films, shorts, features and documentaries a celebration of artistic excellence bringing together filmmakers and cinema enthusiasts to engage in an empowering world cinema experience, enlightening the work of the independent filmmaker.

bfmiff2015 opens on 2nd July with the documentary "*Looking for Love*" by pioneer film director/producer and bfmiff2015 festival Founder Menelik Shabazz.

It is an intimate and no holds barred look at black male/female relationships. Interviews with individuals, groups, psychotherapists and comedians shed light on sex, love, intimacy and self-love.

Menelik Shabazz

"It was so important and still is important that we watch films that represent our cultural experience. In the UK we are limited in the types of films we are exposed to. The films we see are mainly out of black Hollywood and they represent a small part of the range of films that are being made. So many films are being produced around the world and the bfm International Film Festival is the place where we bring these unseen gems to UK audiences."

bfmiff2015 official selection include:

'American Beatboxer' Dir: Manauvaskar Kublall, 2013 Pro:Richard McKeown, this film documents one of the most neglected genres of Hip Hop culture and places it in its rightful place in Hip Hop history as well as an American art form. Soundtrack is provided by hip-hop legends like Jarobi White of A Tribe Called Quest

'On My Own' Dir: by Rachel Miller-Bradshaw (2011) USA An eye-opening documentary that shatters the stigma of single motherhood. Through conversations with single mothers, fathers, community leaders and family experts, the documentary offers another facade to the one-sided image of single.

Faroeste Caboclo Brazil 2013 dir: Rene Sampaio crime drama based on the song of the same name by Brazilian Rock band Legiao Urbana. The film was screened in the Contemporary World Cinema selection at the 2013 Toronto Film Festival.

Afua's Diary UK 2014 dir: Ben Owusu falling in love is complicated! In this comedy drama Afua's complicated life threatens her new found love

Short films include "The Legend of Nyong Hills Dir: Kwame Nyongo, Kenya and "The Mango Tree" dir: Ted Sandiford St Lucia.

For more information on the full bfmiff2015 schedule and to buy tickets visit www.bfmmedia.com. Festival updates will be on the website. Follow: #bfmiff or <http://www.facebook.com/bfmiff>

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Notes to Editors

1. Menelik Shabazz is one of the leading pioneers in black British film and TV. Best known for the cult classic BURNING AN ILLUSION(1981) and most recently THE STORY OF LOVER'S ROCK (2011) Shabazz has worked in the British film and TV industry for nearly 40 years and has produced work for ITV, BBC, Channel 4 as well as independently.
2. The bfmiff2015 Coordinator is Jennifer G Robinson contact festival@bfmmedia.com
3. For more information on full film selection and details of the workshops and seminars or stills please request.
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