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#### FEATURE FILM TITLES PRODUCED BEFORE 2017

Log lines from IFFR catalogue.

In order of country.

# Argentina

#### El arrullo de la araña

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2015 Length: 78 Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela

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paulina@companiadecine.com Phone: +54 9 11 3400 2718

Logline: Simón, the owner of a hardware store, humiliates and constantly controls his four employees. Through this universally recognisable situation, Campusano paints a portrait of microscopic power exerted in the realm of labour without forgetting about other forms of abuse directly related to history.

# El perro Molina

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2014 Length: 87

Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela Email:

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Logline: Perro Molina, Calavera, and Natalia are probably the best three characters in Campusano's filmography, together with Vikingo. In this story of prostitution, thievery and revenge, friendship is a supreme value and love a modest redemption.

# El sacrificio de Nehuén Puyelli

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 87 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela

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Phone: + 54 9 11 3400 2718 Logline: Unjustly accused and imprisoned for murder, a Mapuche medicine man is sent to a penitentiary in the tourist resort of Bariloche. During his imprisonment, he establishes a bond of trust with another inmate who is close to being released. Using these two motifs, Campusano sets in motion a tale about power, racism and class struggle.

#### Fango

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2012 Length: 107 Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela

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paulina@companiadecine.com Phone: + 54 9 11 3400 2718

Logline: Two friends decide to form a 'tango-trash' band. The woman of one of these friends is kidnapped by the leader of a female gang, bringing consequences in its aftermath. This all happens in the precarious urban regions surrounding the European-like city of Buenos Aires; in these areas everything resembles the universe of Western films.

#### Fantasmas de la ruta

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2013 Length: 198 Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela

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Logline: A microscopic tale about the trafficking of women, from the viewpoint of Campusano's universe. Including Vikingo and his bikers, who try to rescue Antonella, who has been kidnapped and sold to a brothel in northern Argentina. A rigorous narration with several subplots in which the narrative craft of this director gets to shine fully.

# Legión – Tribus urbanas motorizadas

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2006

Length: 61 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine

Contact: Paulina Portela

Email:

paulina@companiadecine.com Phone: + 54 9 11 3400 2718 **Logline: Biker groups' love of** 

motorcycles and travelling free on the roads is much more than just a hobby for disenfranchised men and women; what shapes them is a secret ancestral memory, as suggested in the interviews at bikers' parties.

#### Placer y martirio

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2015 Length: 101 Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine

Contact: Paulina Portela

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Logline: A woman, married with a daughter, loses control over herself after going wild because of her erotic passion

for a mysterious

businessman. Campusano's unexpected incursion into the world of the rich somehow entails a parody of some TV representations of the lives of wealthy people, although its main concern is to associate eroticism and vampirism.

# Vikingo

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2009

Length: 85 Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela

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paulina@companiadecine.com Phone: +54 9 11 3400 2718

Logline: Vikingo, a man of his word, stands out and shines in the diverse biker community. He helps a stranger, Aguirre, who also loves motorcycles: sufficient reason for Vikingo to offer his loyalty and hospitality. As they live in a time of transitions, they will have to face life-and-death confrontations.

#### Vil romance

Director(s): José Celestino

Campusano

Prod. Countries: Argentina

Prod. Year: 2008 Length: 105 Genre: -

Premiere: None

Programme section: José

Campusano

Company: Compañia de cine Contact: Paulina Portela

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Logline: Roberto is young, unemployed and has nowhere to sleep. By chance he meets Raúl, a man many years his senior who could be his father, but with whom he begins a problematic love relationship. Homosexual love within the codes of the 'primitive' peripheral urban area of Buenos Aires is only one layer in a fascinating portrait of a culture with different rules and values.

# **Egypt**

#### The Mummy

Director(s): Shadi Abdel

Shalam

Prod. Countries: Egypt

Prod. Year: 1969

Length: 103 Genre: Fiction

Premiere: None

Programme section: A

History of Shadows Company: Cineteca di

Bologna

Contact: Carmen Accaputo

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Logline: Based on the true story of a 19th-century
Upper-Egyptian clan that robs a cache of mummies and sells the artefacts on the black market. The authorities start an investigation. A sense of obscure mystery inhabits this masterpiece, that almost 50 years after its production has become an

ambiguous parable for our times.

# Ethiopia

#### Harvest 3000 Years

Director(s): Haile Gerima Prod. Countries: Ethiopia

Prod. Year: 1976 Length: 150 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: UCLA Film and

Television Archive Contact: Haile Gerima

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Phone: 202-213-0201

Logline: A poor peasant

family resists a violent feudal lord. This original 16mm version of Gerima's first Ethiopian featureis both in substance as in form a passionate revolutionary narrative and an allegory about the class system and colonialism at a time of

United States.

collective resistance to

oppression in Africa and the

# **Finland**

# Fuck Off! – Images from Finland

Director(s): Jörn Donner Prod. Countries: Finland Prod. Year: 1971
Length: 104
Genre: Creative
Documentary
Premiere: None
Programme section: A
History of Shadows

Company: ?

Contact: Mark Lwoff Email: mark@bufo.fi Phone: +358 45 131 4652

Logline: Sparkling documentary classic from 1971 in which Donner and his mates made Finnish but also Swedish streets unsafe with their investigation into how the country and the people were doing. "If the film is crazy, that's the fault of the Finnish people," is how Donner affectionately defended himself against all the fuss he caused.

# **France**

#### Lumumba

Director(s): Raoul Peck Prod. Countries: France

Prod. Year: 2000 Length: 115 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: JBA Production Contact: Marianne Dumoulin

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duction.com

Phone: +33 1 48048460
Logline: Raoul Peck (I Am
Not Your Negro) first made a
documentary, then this
political thriller about Patrice
Lumumba, the first president
of the Congo following the
struggle for independence
from Belgium. This beloved
prophet of Pan-Africanism
faced powerful foes in
Belgium and the United
States. Several months after
his stormy rise to power, he
was brutally murdered.

#### Queimada

Director(s): Gillo Pontecorvo Prod. Countries: France, Italy

Prod. Year: 1969 Length: 132 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: Park Circus

Limited

Contact: Graham Fulton

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Logline: Pontecorvo's sequel to Battle of Algiers stars
Marlon Brando as an agent sent to a Caribbean island to foment a rebellion of the enslaved to break the
Portuguese economic monopoly. Ten years later he returns to kill the same rebel

leader he created for the sake of trade. Soundtrack by Ennio Morricone.

# Thomas Pesquet, l'étoffe d'un héros

Director(s): Jürgen Hansen Prod. Countries: France

Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 72 Genre: Creative Documentary

Premiere: None

Programme section: Curtain Call Contact: Pierre-Emmanuel Le Goff

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tourism.

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Logline: On 17 November
2016, French astronaut
Thomas Pesquet was sent to
the International Space
Station by the European
Space Agency for six months
to conduct scientific
experiments. This film
reveals the intensity of the
preceding training period. A
warning to all those who
dream of making it in space

# Germany

#### Geschichtsunterricht

Director(s): Jean-Marie Straub, Danièle Huillet Prod. Countries: Germany

Prod. Year: 1972 Length: 85 Premiere: None

Programme section: A
History of Shadows
Company: BELVA Film
Contact: Christophe Clavert

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belvafilm.clavert@bluewin.ch Phone: +33 14 8063957

Logline: Straub & Huillet, after Bertolt Brecht. Opinions on this masterpiece vary from 'political cinema at its most advanced and provocative' to 'cold anti-cinema', but the film itself is like a history teacher who tolerates no contradiction. A modern young man in Rome interviews four contemporaries of Caesar about his career.

#### **Kirmes**

Director(s): Wolfgang

Staudte

Prod. Countries: Germany

Contact: Claudia Schwendele

Prod. Year: 1960 Length: 102 Premiere: None Programme section: A History of Shadows Company: Beta Cinema Email:

claudia.schwendele@betafilm.com
Logline: Staudte, never
unwilling to stir stinking still

water, directed this FRG classic in 1960 about a corpse that is found during

construction of a fairground, 15 years after the war.

Everyone knows who the young man was and why he had to die, but people prefer

to forget and leave the remains unidentified.

# India

#### Arena

Director(s): Vetri Maaran

Prod. Countries: India Prod. Year: 2011

Length: 156 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: Five Star Films

Pvt. Ltd.

Contact: Mathi Maran

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Logline: The rivalry between two cock-fighters – one a private citizen, the other a cop – turns into all-out gang war when the former's protégé is killed in a dubious hit-and-run. Vetrimaaran's multi-award-winning

breakthrough work is a

masterpiece that would take all India by storm.

#### Aviyal

Director(s): Shameer Sultan

Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 118 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: Stone Bench Contact: Karthik Subbaraj

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h.co.in

Logline: Perhaps more than any other younger Tamil auteur, director/producer Karthik Subbaraj still honours his roots in shorts. In Aviyal, he unleashed his second omnibus project on Tamil audiences — a roller-coaster of moods and ideas with thrills and laughs, strange sex, a brawling film crew and family problems of a sensual nature.

#### Cold Heart

Director(s): Karthik Subbaraj

Prod. Countries: India Prod. Year: 2014

Length: 171 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: Group Company

Contact: Karthik Subbaraj

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h.co.in

Logline: The latest generation of Tamil auteurs found its way into the film industry through short film competitions on TV. Cold Heart pays tribute to this weird world in the guise of a grimly gutsy gangster film; a dark comedy of manners whose jokes are so well-aimed they hurt. Woah!

#### **Evil Engulfs**

Director(s): Nalan

Kumarasamy

Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2013

Length: 135 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: 20crores

Contact: Nalan Kumarasamy

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Logline: Das, a professional kidnapper (cum world-class bullshitter) takes on a bunch of young assistants. One of Das' main principles is: never kidnap someone involved in politics. So what do you do if you're tricked into doing just that? A wild and crazy mix of crime flick and sharp social satire!

#### I Am God

Director(s): Bala

Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2009

Length: 125 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: B Studios Contact: Lakshana

Email: bstudios@gmail.com

Logline: Rudran was send away from home as a child by his superstitious father. When Rudran, an aghori (an ascetic man of the Gods, dwelling at times among the dead) throws his lot in with a bunch of human-trafficking beggars, his life becomes hell.

Seeing is believing. You haven't seen anything like this before.

#### Kodi

Director(s): R.S. Durai

Senthilkumar

Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2016 Length: 145 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Contact: R.S. Durai Senthilkumar

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Logline: Kodi is a political animal since his father selfimmolated protesting against a factory owner devastating the community's health with mercury waste. One day, firebrand Kodi and his peaceful twin brother Anbu are mistaken for one another. A wise, violent, actionpacked political thriller with Tamil superstar Dhanush in a double role.

#### Pisasu

Director(s): Mysskin Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2014 Length: 114

Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: B Studios

Email: bstudios@gmail.com

Logline: Siddharth gave it his all, but couldn't get an injured girl found on the streets to hospital in time to prevent her death. As Siddharth roams the streets helping the needy, strange things start to happen. A socially conscious horror film of the most nerve-wrecking, edge-of-the-seat-scary kind, with a surprising ending.

#### Ruthless Man

Director(s): Vetri Maaran Prod. Countries: India Prod. Year: 2007

Length: 150 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: Five Star Films

Pvt. Ltd.

Contact: Vetri Maaran

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Phone: +91 99 41996666
Logline: Prabhu's already
shaken but still safe-seeming
middle-class existence finally
falls apart when he loses his
precious bike. Suddenly, he
finds himself in a bleak world
of betrayal and violence. A
key work of modern Tamil
cinema that plays like the
psycho-thriller version of
Vittorio de Sica's neorealist

# Speak with Your Mouth Shut

classic Bicycle

Thieves (1948).

Director(s): Balaji Mohan Prod. Countries: India Prod. Year: 2014

Length: 140 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: Radiance Media Contact: Chakravarthy

Ramachandra

Email: <a href="mailto:ram@ynotstudios.in">ram@ynotstudios.in</a> Logline: As the 'mute flu' virus spreads through town and country, social borders and conventions crumble – in silence. Add in the powerboozing boss of a drinkers' association, an orphanage in dire need and many other absurd, crazy, real elements and you have a splendid piece of socially conscious comedy.

Trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=1-GPX9yIWio

#### Tamil M.A.

Director(s): Ram

Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2007 Length: 164

Genre: Fiction
Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: Catamaran

**Productions** 

Contact: Amudhavan

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Logline: Prabhat is not happy with his teaching job at a private school. In fact, Prabhat is not happy with the world. So he decides to give some of his pain and anguish back to society. A milestone in modern Tamil cinema: a study of alienation in the guise of a thriller.

#### Vagabond

Director(s): Bala

Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2013

Length: 126 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: B Studios Contact: Lakshana

Email: bstudios@gmail.com

Logline: Rasa, a young man from the country, finds a job on a tea plantation where, like all the workers, he is subjected to all kinds of maltreatment. An unsparing, scathing vision of life under British rule that can profitably be read as a more general allegory on politics and abuse of power.

Trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=fBnSHOFI6a4

# Wage War

Director(s): Mysskin Prod. Countries: India

Prod. Year: 2011 Length: 160 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: House

on Fire

Company: AGS entertainment Contact: Mysskin

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directormysskin@gmail.com
Logline: When boxes of
chopped-off limbs appear all
over the city on New Year's
Eve, J.K. from CID's elite CB
branch gets to work.
Darkness soon takes his
hand. A police procedural
turns social expose turns
meditation on the
metaphysics of truth, by way
of a homage to Kurosawa and
Kitano.

# Italy

#### A mosca cieca

Director(s): Romano

Scavolini

Prod. Countries: Italy

Prod. Year: 1966

Length: 79

Premiere: None

Programme section:

Regained

Company: Zomia Contact:

Donatello Fumarola

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Logline: Outsider Romano Scavolini debuted in 1966 with what became Italy's most forbidden film. The censorship is hard to understand today, yet this deliciously subversive antifilm about a young man who finds a pistol and seeks a victim still retains its drive 50 years later. Finally, a restored version.

# Japan

# Funeral Parade of

#### Roses

Director(s): Matsumoto

Toshio

Prod. Countries: Japan

Prod. Year: 1969

Length: 105

Genre: Fiction

Premiere: None

Programme section:

Regained

Company: Arbelos Films

Contact: David Marriott

Email: david@arbelosfilms.com

Logline: Capturing the

fervour of 1960s

counterculture in Shinjuku,

Tokyo, Japan's queer classic is a delightfully chaotic film

that follows hostess Eddie,

the transgender star of Bar Genet, who radiates

Trailer:

confidence and sexuality.

This 4K digital restoration

celebrates its influential director, Matsumoto Toshio,

who recently passed away.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3XhYY9Ll0k

# Kenya

#### Stories of Our Lives

Director(s): Jim Chuchu

Prod. Countries: Kenya,

South Africa

Prod. Year: 2014

Length: 60

Genre: Fiction

Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-

African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: Big World Cinema

Contact: Sélina Boye

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Phone: +33954904863

Logline: Stories of love that

can only be lived and shared

in secret. Anyone identifying

as LGBTQI in Kenya risks a

heavy penalty – possibly even

a death sentence. This

Kenyan collective shows the

lack of understanding, pain

and violence, but also the

and violence, but also the

tensions, lust and hilariously embarrassing moments.

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Stories shared by many,

worldwide.

Trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lkYBoU3fCY

#### Tuko Macho

Director(s): Jim Chuchu Prod. Countries: Kenya Prod. Year: 2016

Length: 60 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: The Nest Arts
Company Limited
Contact: Niori Cituago

Contact: Njeri Gitungo

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Logline: A high-tech underground gang takes the law into its own hands in crime-ridden Nairobi. The gang tails criminals, collects evidence, then kidnaps them. In captivity they are interrogated and sentenced by the world's largest public tribunal: social media. A confronting, interactive film experience.

Trailer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A2s4b0hUCos

# **Netherlands**

#### Nighttown

Director(s): Marcel Haug Prod. Countries: Netherlands

Prod. Year: 2010
Length: 52
Genre: Creative
Documentary
Premiere: None
Programme section:
Rotterdam Dag
Company: Artistic Vice
Contact: Marcel Haug

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Phone: +31 6 29159694
Logline: Rotterdam's dance
club and pop temple
Nighttown closed in 2006.
This music documentary
contains exclusive images of
legendary performances.
Former directors, founders,
bookers, stage managers and
artists talk about the power
of this venue.

# Rotterdam, een ongemakkelijk sprookje

Director(s): Gina Kranendonk

Prod. Countries: Netherlands

Prod. Year: 2001 Length: 65 Genre: -

Premiere: None Programme section: Rotterdam Dag Company: NPO

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Logline: A frame narrative about a curious bunch of Rotterdammers and the 'fairy-tale' of their lives. This is the story of two women and the people and things they encounter. Interviews with a high percentage of nonsense, credibly acted scenes, coincidence, dry humour and erotic elements: this Rotterdam does not bore for a moment!

#### Saxman

Director(s): Carel van Hees Prod. Countries: Netherlands

Prod. Year: 1995
Length: 45
Genre: Creative
Documentary
Premiere: None
Programme section:
Rotterdam Dag

Company: VPRO

Contact: Carel van Hees Email: carelvanhees@luna.nl

Logline: For years, Piet le
Blanc, replete with sax and
violin, was a well-known
sight in the streets and cafés
of Rotterdam by night. But
before he roamed the streets,
he played in various large and

small orchestras. A documentary by Carel van

Hees and Martijn 't Hart about the life of a special, truly Rotterdam musician.

# Senegal

#### Black Girl

Director(s): Ousmane

Sembène

Prod. Countries: Senegal

Prod. Year: 1966

Length: 59 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: Cineteca di Bologna - Archivio Film Contact: Carmen Accaputo

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Logline: A young Senegalese woman is 'chosen' as a governess by a rich French family in Dakar. When she moves to live with them in France, a dream seems to be coming true. This influential film by Sembene, the father of African cinema, clinically exposes the colonial process of dehumanization through an extremely layered narrative.

## Kemtiyu, Cheikh Anta

Director(s): Ousmane

William Mbaye

Prod. Countries: Senegal

Prod. Year: 2016

Length: 94

Genre: Creative

Documentary

Premiere: None Programme section: Pan-

African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: Autoproduction Contact: Laurence Attali

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Logline: The remarkable story about the lifework of Senegalese scientist Cheikh Anta Diop who studied philosophy, physics, chemistry, history and linguistics. All this knowledge came together in his thesis: Africa is the birthplace of civilisation and the Egyptian pharaohs were black Africans. A claim with a

high price to pay.

# Spain

#### El desencanto

Director(s): Jaime Chávarri

Prod. Countries: Spain

Prod. Year: 1976

Length: 97

Genre: Creative

Documentary

Premiere: None

Programme section: A

History of Shadows

Company: EGEDA

Contact: Victoria Bernal

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victoria.bernal@egeda.com

Logline: It has been described as the best Spanish documentary ever. Portrait of the widow and children of the poet Leopoldo Panero, celebrated by Falangists, whose merciless shadow, both erudite and cruel, still hangs over the family 10 years after his death and towards the end of the dictatorship in 1976.

## **USA**

#### **House Party**

Director(s): Reginald Hudlin Prod. Countries: USA

Prod. Year: 1990 Length: 100 Genre: -

Premiere: None
Programme section:
Maximum Overdrive
Company: Park Circus

Limited

Contact: Jack Bell

Email: jack@parkcircus.com

Logline: A 1990s classic with a lead role for rap duo Kid 'N Play. Kid wants to make an impression with his rhyming skills and organises a big house party with Play. But it all doesn't go as planned. An infectious comedy with a killer soundtrack and fantastic style. And an afterparty in the style of the film.

# Only Yesterday

Director(s): John M. Stahl Prod. Countries: USA Prod. Year: 1933

Length: 105 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None Programme section: A History of Shadows

Company: Park Circus

Limited

Contact: Jack Bell

Email: jack@parkcircus.com
Logline: Margaret Sullavan is
wonderful in her debut as a
lively and idealistic single
mother, whose adventures
form a bridge between World
War I and the Great
Depression. Told in moving,
melodramatic flashback, the
film focuses on issues such as
prohibition, the rise of
Hollywood, but above all the
changing relationships
between the sexes.

#### Sankofa

Director(s): Haile Gerima Prod. Countries: USA,

Ghana, Burkina Faso,

Germany

Prod. Year: 1993

Length: 125 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: Pan-African Cinema Today

(PACT)

Company: UCLA Film and

Television Archive

Contact: Haile Gerima Email: hgerima@gmail.com

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Logline: A black American model is gripped by the spirit of the past during a photo shoot close to an old slave fort. She travels back in time where, enslaved, she undergoes the horrors of slavery. An iconic film for the African diaspora and a key

work in the oeuvre of African master Haile Gerima.

## The Sun Shines Bright

Director(s): John Ford Prod. Countries: USA

Prod. Year: 1953

Length: 90 Genre: Fiction Premiere: None

Programme section: A History of Shadows Company: Park Circus

Limited

Contact: Jack Bell

Email: jack@parkcircus.com

Logline: John Ford often cited

this 1953 drama as his favourite among his films.

The master weaves three Judge Priest stories together

into a good-natured

exploration of honour and

small-town politics in the

American South circa

1900. A gentle companion

piece to Did You Wonder Who Fired the Gun?, also

part of A History of Shadows.