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PerAnkh - The June Givanni PanAfrican Cinema Archive Exhibition

Last days to visit our exhibition at Raven Row London - until 4 June!

JGPACA acknowledges Aboubakar Sanogo for introducing the term 'Per Ankh' into the lexicon of the debates on African film archives in his essay 'Africa in the world of moving image archiving: Challenges and opportunities in the 21st century', Journal of Film Preservation, 99, October, 2018, pp. 9–15, published by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF).

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PerAnkh @Raven Row. Photo: Marcus J. Leith

Forthcoming screenings

Raven Row Gallery (London)

All screenings will take place in Raven Row's lower gallery space, which is wheelchair-accessible from Frying Pan Alley. The film will be subtitled. Please contact Rhian Smith at rhian@ravenrow.org with any questions about event accessibility.

Selbe et tante d'autres

[Selbé: One Among Many] Dir. Safi Faye, 1983. Senegal Saturday 3 June 2023 at 6:30pm

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In focusing on the daily life of a Senegalese village woman, Selbé et tant d'autres examines the economic and social roles expected of rural African women. Selbé has the responsibility of providing for a large family while her husband searches unsuccessfully for work in a neighbouring town. Like the other unemployed men of the village, he is dependent on his partner for food and shelter.

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La femme au couteau

[The Woman with the Knife]
Dir. Timité Bassori, 1969. Ivory Coast
Saturday 3 June 2023 at 6:30pm
Introduction by critic and distributor Claire Diao

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A young intellectual from the Ivory
Coast, played by director Timité Bassori,
is traumatised by an overly strict
upbringing in Africa. When he returns
home after a long period in Europe, he
has to readjust to his society and to his
new sexual freedom – a psychological
conflict made manifest by the recurring
appearance of a knife-wielding woman.

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New in the gallery

A new work by Chimurenga, a collective of researchers and artists from Cape Town, South Africa, has been installed in the lower galleries and is on display until the close of the exhibition on Sunday 4 June. This installation maps the intersecting ideas and narratives that inform and shape the June Givanni PanAfrican Cinema Archive.

Upcoming discussion panels

Fespaco and the archiving of African Cinema

Thursday 1 June at 7pm

With June Givanni (chair), Mohamed Challouf, Claire Diao, Jihan El-Tahri, Aboubakar Sanogo and Keith Shiri

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Join us for the final panel discussion of the events programme for 'PerAnkh – The June Givanni PanAfrican Cinema Archive. Since its establishment in 1969, the Pan-African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou (FESPACO) in Burkina Faso has been considered one of the most important festivals of the African, and later the African diaspora's, filmic imagination. Chaired by June Givanni, this panel charts and explores FESPACO's histories and legacies.

British Sign Language Tour with Martin Glover

Sunday 4 June, 2pm

Please join Martin Glover for a free BSL tour of Raven Row and our current exhibition PerAnkh - The June Givanni PanAfrican Cinema Archive. Martin will be introducing the exhibition as well as sharing architectural insights of the building.

Martin, deaf BSL user, is an architect and art facilitator. Across UK, he delivers tours/workshops where he explore themes of Contemporary Art, Architecture and Street Art, and Public Art and Sculpture. He also manages his Digitspace project, championing better Visual Art access nationally.

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Panels recordings now available

The recordings of the first three panel discussions from 'PerAnkh – The June Givanni PanAfrican Cinema Archive', on 'Black on Europe', 'Third Cinema in the Era of Channel 4' and 'Sisterhood' are now available to revisit on Raven Row website and across podcast platforms. We will be adding more recordings from upcoming panel discussions as these take place. Check <a href="https://example.com/here-new-market-new-marke

Educational outreach

On Wednesday 26 April, Raven Row and JGPACA hosted a special viewing of the PerAnkh exhibition for art educators. Similar events are being arranged for educators, students and community groups. For further information and to book a place, please contact Rhian Smith on 0207 377 4300 or email rhian@ravenrow.org

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