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# NGOZI ONWURAH: NEIGHBOURHOOD ALERT (2024) AND EARLIER SHORTS + Q&A

Wednesday 24 April, 6.30pm, Ritzy Cinema, Brixton

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The June Givanni Pan-African Cinema Archive (JGPACA) and the Ritzy Cinema, present a programme of four shorts by British Nigerian awardwinning director Ngozi Onwurah, including her latest work: Neighbourhood Alert (2024).

Following the screening, a Q&A between director, Ngozi Onwurah and Dr June Givanni, film curator and founder/co-director of the JGPACA will take place.

#### **Programme:**

#### Coffee Coloured Children (1988) | UK, 16min

An intimate experimental monologue about the trauma of racial harassment and self-hate that accompanies growing up mixed-race, this short film examines the complexity of Britain's racial 'melting pot'.

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This autobiographical narrative redefines female beauty and sexuality by reflecting on filmmaker Ngozi Onwurah's relationship with her mother. Onwurah's discovery of her sexual appeal as a young model is combined with an intimate account of her mother Madge's experience of desexualisation after having a mastectomy.

#### Flight of the Swan (1992) | 11 min, UK

A young girl leaves her Nigerian village to attend a ballet school in England. Fascinated by Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, she dreams of performing as lead ballerina Princess Odette, but the girls in her close-minded ballet school mock her ideas of a 'black swan'.

## Neighbourhood Alert (2024) | 30 min, USA

A true story that tells of a Black mother forced to take on extraordinary actions to ensure the safety of her teenage son. It investigates and discusses the inherent racism that pervades across Middle America.

#### **Address**

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Brixton Oval, Coldharbour Ln, London SW2 1JG

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