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**XXXVIII. 2023**  
**Black International Cinema Berlin**

Interdisciplinary, Intercultural  
Film/Video, Dance, Theatre, Music, Seminar & Gallery  
Presentations

**Germany & USA 2023**  
**NOVEMBER 23-27 | DECEMBER 7-11 @ Alex – Open Channel Berlin**  
**DECEMBER 01-03 @ Rathaus Schöneberg (city hall), Berlin**

Production & Direction  
**Prof. Donald Muldrow Griffith**  
**Fountainhead® Tanz Théâtre**  
**THE COLLEGIUM - Forum & Television Program Berlin**  
**“Footprints in the Sand?” Exhibition Berlin**  
&  
**Cultural Zephyr e.V.**

The **BLACK INTERNATIONAL CINEMA BERLIN** is a yearly interdisciplinary, intercultural, international film/video festival produced and directed by **Fountainhead® Tanz Théâtre / THE COLLEGIUM - Forum & Television Program Berlin / “Footprints in the Sand?” Exhibition Berlin** in association with **Cultural Zephyr e.V.** and screens cinema from Africa, the African Diaspora and films from varied intercultural backgrounds or perspectives.

Black International Cinema Berlin originated from the historical Black Cultural Festival, which was produced and directed by Fountainhead® Tanz Théâtre in 1986 for the first time in Europe, a 3-week event in Berlin, which presented the contributions of Black people to world culture through film, theater, dance, music, workshops and seminars, and was an homage to the legendary tap dancer, Carnell Lyons.

Since then, Fountainhead® Tanz Théâtre produces and directs the Black International Cinema Berlin each year in Berlin and additionally, in other European and US-American cities.

The festival focuses on presenting works of an artistic, cultural or political nature coinciding with the general educational, social, artistic and economic interest of people from Africa, the African Diaspora and people with an interest in participating in intercultural communication and the resultant interfacing and sharing of educational, social, artistic and economic resources.

Furthermore, Black International Cinema Berlin is open to ALL filmmakers and contributes to better understanding and increasing cooperation between people from various cultural, ethnic, national and religious backgrounds, in order to reduce prejudice and support a peaceful and respectful living together in our multi-faceted societies.

Black International Cinema Berlin is a festival based upon our mission statement and the objectives and methods as stated within the entry form.

**Deadline: SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**Mottos:**

*"I may not make it if I try, but I damn sure won't if I don't..." - Oscar Brown Jr.*

*"Mankind will either find a way or make one." - C.P. Snow*

*"Whatever you do..., be cool!" - Joseph Louis Turner*

*"Yes, I can...!" - Sammy Davis Jr.*

*"Yes, We can...!" - Barack Hussein Obama*

*"Yes, we can and Yes, we better...!" - Barack Hussein Obama and Donald Muldrow Griffith*

## ENTRY FORM XXXVIII. 2023 Black International Cinema Berlin

### STATEMENT OF INTENTION

We are an international, intercultural community of persons engaged in achieving increasing understanding and cooperation between individuals and groups in support of democratic procedures and the elimination of violence, religious, ethnic and gender persecution, youth exploitation, homophobia and racial hatred through the process of art, education, culture and dialogue.

Wir sind eine internationale, interkulturelle Gemeinschaft von Menschen mit dem Engagement für ein besseres Verständnis und wachsende Kooperation zwischen Individuen und Gruppen, mit Unterstützung des demokratischen Prozesses und der Beseitigung von Gewalt, Verfolgung aufgrund religiöser, ethnischer und geschlechtlicher Zugehörigkeit, Kindes- und Jugendmissbrauch, Homosexuellen-Feindlichkeit und Rassismus, durch die Mittel der Kunst, der Bildung, der Kultur und des Dialogs.

...sont une communauté internationale et interculturelle de personnes engagées à promouvoir la compréhension et la coopération croissantes entre les individus et les groupes, à l'appui des outils démocratiques et à travers l'élimination de la violence, de la persécution religieuse, ethnique et sexuelle, de l'exploitation de la jeunesse, de l'homophobie et de la haine raciale par le processus de l'art, de l'éducation, de la culture et du dialogue.

...kültürler ve uluslar arası bir topluluk olarak, bireyler ve gruplar arasında daha iyi bir anlayış ve iş birliği için angaje olmaktayız, bununla demokratik bir sürecin desteğiyle sanat, eğitim, kültür ve diyalog aracılığı ile şiddet, antisemitizm, homoseksüel düşmanlığı ve ırklar arası kin ve nefret duygusuna bir çözüm getirmek istiyoruz.

...é uma comunidade internacional e intercultural de pessoas empenhadas em melhorar a compreensão e aumentar a cooperação entre indivíduos e grupos, apoiando o processo democrático e a eliminação da violência, anti-semitismo, discriminação homossexual e racismo, a trave's da arte, educação, cultura e diálogo.

...sono una comunità internazionale e interculturale di persone impegnate per una migliore comprensione e cooperazione tra gli individui e i gruppi, con la meta di dare un impulso al processo democratico, eliminando così la violenza, l'antisemitismo, il razzismo e la discriminazione degli omosessuali - per questa realizzazione ci sono gli strumenti dell'arte dell'educazione, della cultura e del dialogo.

...son una comunidad internacional e intercultural de personas empenadas para una mejor comprensión y cooperación entre los individuos y grupos, con la meta de dar fuerza al impulso democrático y así de eliminar también la violencia como el antisemitismo, el racismo y la discriminación de los homosexuales. Por eso se usan los medios del arte, de la educación, de la cultura y del diálogo.

### OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

1. The presentation of films, seminars, exhibitions and performances by multi-national, -cultural, -racial and -ethnic groups of artists, filmmakers and intellectuals.
2. The dissemination of information regarding a variety of issues of concern to people of the African Diaspora and persons from various national and ethnic backgrounds with convergent perspectives and interests.
3. The encouragement of appreciation and respect for a multi-faceted society through direct and indirect contact, thereby supporting the heightened awareness necessary for living in a multi-racial, -ethnic World, Country, Town and Community.
4. To develop and promote the sharing of cultural, intellectual, economic and technological resources, which may be increasingly utilized to lessen the dependent state of many of the world's people.
5. The annual publishing of the Black International Cinema Berlin, Germany & USA Anthology.

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#### Categories:

Entries invited from Africa, the African Diaspora and all Filmmakers addressing issues relating to Intercultural and Multi-Heritaged Societies. Also entries of Children's and Art Films (i.e.: Dance, Theatre, Fine Arts, etc.)

#### Requirements:

Video-DVD (no Data-DVD, no Blue-Ray) and/or Online-Screener to download (Vimeo or YouTube Upload) for preview purposes. Commentary and dialogue must be in English or with English subtitles. An edition of the cinematic work selected for presentation in the XXXVIII. 2023 Black International Cinema Berlin will be retained for festival archives.

**All submissions must be sent to the production coordinator, address below.**

**When mailing, please designate the film package: For festival and cultural purposes.**

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