

ABIBITUMI ABIBIFAHODIE FILM FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 28-30, 2025

<https://www.abibitumi.com/abibitumi-abibifahodie-film-festival/>



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Venue: OzoneCinema, Accra, Ghana
Theme: "What Black Power Is: Demonstration Over Conversation"
Dates: November 28–30, 2025

DAY ONE – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

Opening Night Gala

Host: *To be confirmed*

Venue: OzoneCinema, Accra

Dress Code: Red, Black & Green Elegance

5:00 PM – **Red, Black & Green** Carpet Reception

- Arrival of guests, filmmakers, and press
 - Media coverage, live music, and light refreshments
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7:00 PM – Official Opening Ceremony

Host: *To be confirmed*

1. **Opening Performance** – Dance or musical act
2. **Welcome Remarks – OzoneCinema Representative**
 - Brief words on the partnership and hosting the inaugural festival
3. **Opening Remarks – Dr. Obadele Kambon, Founder of Abibitumi**
 - Reflections on Abibifahodie and introduction to the upcoming **Abibitumi Conference (Dec 12–14, 2025)**
4. **Festival Address – Onuora Abuah, Festival Director**
 - Purpose, theme, and vision of the Abibitumi Abibifahodie Film Festival

5. **Announcement of Official Selections** – By Festival Director
 - Introduction of participating filmmakers and film categories
 6. **Introduction of the Jury**
 - **Abraham Haile Biru (President)**
 - **Ama K. Abebrese**
 - **Selassie “Derek” Fiakpui**
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8:30 PM – Feature Screening: Untitled (Legacy Film Segment)

- **Director:** *Nii Kwate Owoo*
 - **Runtime:** *~60–75 minutes*
 - Introduced by host
 - Followed by a **retrospective discussion/interview** (moderator TBC)
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10:30 PM – Closing Remarks

- Recap of upcoming weekend screenings and events
 - Informal networking and music
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DAY TWO – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

Screenings & Filmmaker Q&As

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Student Film Showcase

Moderator: *UNIMAC Representative (TBC)*

Screenings:

- Ntoma Kasa – Samuel Annor (Ghana)
- Nzo – Abdul Salam Abdul Hakeem (Ghana)
- Kologo – [Director TBC] (Ghana)
- Forged Scrap – Jonathan Awinsakiya Ayanga (Ghana)
- Air – Rex Appiah (Ghana)

 **Q&A Roundtable Discussion** (30–40 minutes or longer)

A collective session where all student filmmakers share their journeys, moderated by a UNIMAC representative or festival host.

1:00 PM – Lunch Break / Networking

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM | Feature Film 1: Sunrises in the East

Director: Tayo Giwa (USA) | **Runtime:** 58:05

Moderator: TBC

- Screening followed by filmmaker Q&A (virtual)
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6:00 PM – 8:30 PM | Feature Film 2: Kabakourou

Director: Soungalo Afah Nimi (Burkina Faso) | **Runtime:** 1:07:04

Moderator: TBC

 Post-screening discussion (virtual or live)

8:45 PM – 9:45 PM | Feature Film 3: Dr. Mbongeni Ngema: This is My Story

Director: Lindani Siyanda Mngoma (South Africa) | **Runtime:** 1:00:00

Moderator: TBC

 Q&A session

10:00 PM – Day Two Wrap-Up

- Recap by festival host or director
 - Reminder of Sunday's schedule
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DAY THREE – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Final Screenings, Award Ceremony & Closing Gala

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Short Film Screenings (Part 2)

Moderator: TBC

1. *What Belongs to Us* – Jean-Merci Namupala (Burundi) – 5:57
2. *Daughters of Legends* – Nico Abote (Zimbabwe) – 6:08
3. *Rewinded* – Aaliyah Idrissa (USA) – 7:28
4. *Anne Greenup: In Her Footsteps* – Josiane Blanc (Canada) – 3:28

5. *What Is the Black Body?* – Amira Barrett (USA) – 14:30
6. *Abiku: An Enigma* – Erioluwatomiwa Daniel (Nigeria) – 20:26

 **Filmmaker Q&As (as available)**

1:00 PM – Lunch Break / Networking

2:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Closing Short Film Feature

Yaaba Kɔɔse (Ancestral Voices) – John Aketema (Ghana) – 34:35

Moderator: *TBC*

 Q&A with John Aketema (30–40 minutes)

4:30 PM – Intermission / Technical Reset

 **6:00 PM – Closing Night & Award Ceremony**

Host: *TBC*

1. **Opening Remarks – Host**
 - Recap of festival journey & acknowledgements
2. **Remarks – OzoneCinema Representative**
 - Reflections on hosting the festival
3. **Remarks – UNIMAC Representative**
 - On student participation and collaboration
4. **Remarks – AWDFR Representative (if present)**
5. **Jury Presentation**
 - **Abraham Haile Biru (President)**
 - **Ama K. Abebrese**
 - **Derek Fiakpui**
 - *Announcement of winning films (Short, Student only)*
6. **Legacy Award Presentation**
 - Introduction by host
 - **Award presentation to Nii Kwate Owoo**
 - **Acceptance speech**
7. **Remarks – Dr. Obadele Kambon**
 - Official introduction of the **Abibitumi Conference (Dec 12–14 2025)**

8. **Performances & Cultural Tributes**

- Music, poetry, or traditional dance interludes

9. **Closing Remarks**

- **OzoneCinema Representative** – Closing words
- **Onuora Abuah** – Festival Director's final remarks & thanks
- Acknowledgement of partners and volunteers

10:00 PM – Farewell & Networking Reception

- Music and celebration to close the festival