

FESTIVAL FILM JAKMEL ANNOUNCES THE OFFICIAL SELECTION
THE 2ND EDITION OF FESTIVAL FILM JAKMEL JULY 2005

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Festival Film Jakmel proudly announces the official selection of the festival's second edition July 9 – July 16, 2005 in Jacmel, Haiti. To view the festival's catalog, which contains nearly 100 films from over 30 countries, please load the following link: <http://www.jakmelfilm.ht/catalog05fullweb.pdf>

Opening the festival this year is the world premier of **Cousines**, Directed by Haiti's Richard Senecal and Produced by Claudy Joseph and Wilkenson Bruna. **Cousines** screens July 9th on the Pier of Jacmel at 8 :00 PM. The film stars Jessica Généus, Soledad Paiguy Elizabeth, Jerry Lentz Rocher, Jimmy Jean-Louis, Rudolf Moise, Roland Dorfeuille, James Gabriel, Catherine Hubert, Ricardo Lefèvre, Raynald Dimanche. A press conference with the film's director, producers and stars will be held at FOSAJ, 5-7 Rue Saint Anne, Jacmel Sunday 12 noon.

Traveling from abroad to attend this years' festival are Raoul Peck (*Sometimes in April*), Dany Laferriere (*Comment Conquérir l'Amérique en une nuit*), Jeff Zimbalist (*Favela Rising*), Andrew Dosunmu (*Hot Irons, Yizzo Yizzo*), Abderrahmane Sissako (*Les Gosses, Premiers pas, La Vie sur Terre*), Jean Claude Flamand-Barny (*Neg Maron*), Janluk Stanislas (*Trafik D'Info*), Maxence Denis (*L'Abre de la Liberté*), Jacques Roc (*Pluie d'Espoir*) Wilkenson Bruna (*Cousines*), Jimmy Jean-Louis (*Cousines*), Frantz Voltaire (*Au nom du père*) and J.T. Walker (*Passengers*).

Directors in Haiti expected to attend the festival are Arnold Antonin (*GNB contre Attila & Radio Haiti*), Rachel Magloire (*La Tour Inachevée*), Catherine Hubert (*La Face de L'ombre*), Carl Lafontant (*Pou 50 Kob, Kontrayete, David Auto Parts*), Kendy Verilus (*Thompson le Grand*), Jean Claude Bourjolly (*Son Son*), Amelia Shaw (*Nou bouke, Deye Mon, Sou Wout La, Dapre Nou*), and Guy Regis Junior (*Pays Sauve qui Peut*).

The Patron sponsors of the second edition of Festival Film Jakmel are the Embassy of France, Embassy of Spain, Spanish Agency of International Cooperation, Crowing Rooster Arts. and the Embassy of Brazil.

Festival Film Jakmel's mission is to unite, educate and entertain Haitians and foreigners through cinema. **All screenings are open to the public and free of charge.** In addition to daily and nightly screenings, the festival and FOSAJ will present intensive workshops in film making with visiting professionals, free concerts, debates, a gallery exhibit featuring paintings by visiting French artist Benoit Tschieret, and a jewelry exhibit with works of three visiting Swedish designers.

Festival Film Jakmel was founded in 2004 by David Belle and Patrick Boucard, the co-directors of the festival. Mr. Belle is an award winning filmmaker from the United States and Mr Boucard is a Haitian artist who is the founder and director of FOSAJ a foundation dedicated to empowering Haitian people through art and culture. The festival's staff in Jacmel is made up of Haitians and foreigners.

For additional information and updates visit the festival website www.jakmelfilm.ht