

# KALABASH KENYA

In conjunction with African Liberation Support Campaign Network (ALISC)

**Awareness through documentary films and music**

Thursday 20th September

7pm - 2am

@ The Salmon and Compass

58 Penton Street, Angel, N1 9PZ

**FREE ENTRY**

## **Upstairs 7.15pm FILM 1: The Day I Will Never Forget (92mins)**

The day i will never forget is a gripping feature documentary by acclaimed filmmaker Kim Longinotto (Divorce Iranian Style and Runaway) that examines the practice of female genital mutilation in Kenya and the pioneering African women who are bravely reversing the tradition. In this epic work, women speak candidly about the practice and explain its cultural significance within Kenyan society. From gripping testimonials by young women who share the painful aftermath of their trauma to interviews with elderly matriarchs who stubbornly stand behind the practice, Longinotto paints a complex portrait of the current polemics and conflicts that have allowed this procedure to exist well into modern times.

## **8.55pm FILM 2: Embalu (25mins)**

Embalu (Dir. Topi Lyambila) is a showcase of traditional circumcision and its impact on the practicing communities, more specifically Communal Health. Circumcision has lost its significance while others feel it has actually gained in significance especially following the latest study on its contribution to the fight against genital infection, including HIV. What are the chances of its survival or eradication? What impact will this have on the practicing communities? Embalu profiles the Bukusu traditional circumcision, through discussions with academics and subject experts from the community; we throw a light on the purported significance of this revered African tradition.

## **9.20pm FILM 3: Africa Must Unite! (20mins)**

Africa Must Unite! is a film of events at the World Social Forum in Nairobi, Jan 07. The African Liberation Support Campaign, based in London, mobilised resources for young people from the poorest district of Kenya to attend the Forum. This enabled grass roots Pan-Africanist activists from across the continent to meet for the first time

with veterans of the Kenyan Mau Mau struggle for liberation. Filmed by local activists, Africa Must Unite captures the enduring spirit of the Mau Mau freedom fighters."

**9.40pm Q&A** with Journalist/Filmmaker **Topi Lyambila** ([www.kenyalondonnews.co.uk](http://www.kenyalondonnews.co.uk)) **Kilombo** ([www.kilombo.org.uk](http://www.kilombo.org.uk)), a representative from Emmanuel Jal's charity **Gua** ([www.guaafricaonline.com](http://www.guaafricaonline.com)) and Kofi from **ALISC**.

The **African Liberation Support Campaign Network (ALISC)** is a democratic organisation led by Africans fighting oppression and tyranny in Africa, and racism in the West. The ALISC tackles issues such as the 'debt' of African nations being outweighed by the huge profits Western nations have made from Africa, and that what remains of the so-called debt is the accumulated compound interest on non-existent capital.

**Gua Africa** was founded by Emmanuel Jal, a former child soldier of Sudan's long-standing civil war. Gua Africa intends to involve itself primarily in establishing institutions of learning in the South of Sudan taking into consideration that as a post-conflict state local communities in the Sudan are victims to health problems and as such it is their objective to establish medical centres alongside business initiatives that provide for financial advice, commercial lending, as well as business training to help and equip the local and indigenous people of the Sudan to fight poverty.

### **Downstairs 10.15pm: Live Performance from Ben Adolwa**

Born and raised in Kenya, Ben Adolwa learned the homemade bamboo flute, followed by the Clarinet and Saxophone at school. As a teenager as part of the Hodi Boys Band, his mentor Gofrey Ngao taught him respect for his profession and introduced him to Jazz. He has toured the world alongside a variety of celebrated African bands including The Ivory band, Kenya Bluestars, Nairobi Matata and The Flames. Ben uses modern instruments to express his traditional African identity.

**11.15pm: DJ Dubwise** <http://www.djdubwise.com/> - [www.myspace.com/djdubwise](http://www.myspace.com/djdubwise)

**Downstairs Bar:** Afro-beats and grooves hosted by **Kalabash Movement Resident DJs Supa Scion & Springfield**

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**THE KALABASH PEN AMNESTY:** As Lauren from Kalabash will be on the Lake of Stars road trip, we are collecting all the pens / pencils / old notebooks you have lying around to take to schools in South Africa, Mozambique and Malawi. We will be collecting at KALABASH KENYA – please rummage generously!

## **Upcoming events ...**

**Africa Mine: Music and Movement**

at the Arcola Cinema and Bar 27 Arcola Street, Dalston, London E8 2DJ  
**Six documentary feature films**, live acts, DJs & speakers over three consecutive Sundays: 23rd September, 30th September, 7th October

A space to celebrate and explore the cultures of contemporary African music. Q&A sessions and discussions chaired by AFFORD.

**Live African music/DJ's in the bar area hosted by Kalabash Movement**

For full programme visit: [www.screenstation.net/africa-mine.html](http://www.screenstation.net/africa-mine.html)

**Don't miss...**

**The album preview party of Renato Mondele's new album "La Rumba Congolaise" at Africa Mine on the 23rd September (live performance at 9pm)**

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Dogwoof Pictures is delighted to present **Marc and Nick Francis'** poignant and powerful debut documentary **Black Gold**, an exploration of the hugely unfair trade between the multi-million pound coffee industry and the poverty stricken coffee producers of Ethiopia. **Black Gold** will be released on DVD on 22 October 2007 from [www.dogwoofdvd.com](http://www.dogwoofdvd.com)

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**Kalabash Movement upcoming events:** (always the 3rd Thursday of every month)  
**Kalabash Nigeria 18th October // Kalabash South Africa 15th November**  
**// Kalabash Ethiopia 17th Jan**

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**Kalabash Movement** is an organisation that seeks to promote awareness through film and music. Each event is designed to encourage recognition of the rich diversity between African Nations, to celebrate cultural heritage and explore socio-political situations. We aim to give a platform to Musicians and Independent film makers and encourage a wider audience to appreciate their works.

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