

Winner of AIM film competition

The Africa in Motion (AiM) Film Festival 2017 winner of its annual short film competition, is *Dem Dem!* from Senegal, directed by Pape Bouname Lopy, Marc Recchia and Christophe Rolin.



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This dreamlike experimental film captured the hearts of both audience and jury, making it the joint winner of both the jury and audience award, reported AiM.

“This year’s selection is a delicious smorgasbord of different and compelling cinematic delights. At turns sensitive, tragic, naturalistic and penetrating, it also ranges through the uproarious, charismatic, stylised and boldly imaginative,” said jury member, Jarryd Coetsee, director of *The Suit*, winner of the AiM 2016 Competition.

Africa in Motion’s annual short film competition has been successfully running for 10 years, with more than 350 entries submitted this year. Filmmakers of African nationality were invited to submit short films of no longer than 30 minutes completed after 2015. The competition aims to support young and emerging filmmakers from Africa.

The competition winner was selected by a jury of high profile international film practitioners and announced immediately after the screenings and the audience award was voted for by audience members at screenings in both Glasgow and Edinburgh. The team behind winning film *Dem Dem!* are the recipients of a cash prize money of £500, sponsored by the Scottish Documentary Institute.

Africa in Motion is an annual African film festival based in Edinburgh and Glasgow. It aims at bringing the brilliance of African cinema to Scottish audiences, and at overcoming the under-representation and marginalisation of African films in British film-going culture. This year, the festival took place from 27 October – 5 November 2017.

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