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An Opera of the World, 2017

a film by **Manthia Diawara**

16.06 - 17.09.2017

Daily screenings, 12:00, 4:30, 6:00

documenta 14 in Kassel and **Maumaus / Lumiar Cité** present, in collaboration with the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development and ZDF/3sat, Manthia Diawara's most recent film **An Opera of the World**. The film is based on 'Bintou Were, a Sahel Opera', which narrates an eternal immigration drama. The opera, filmed in Bamako in 2007, serves as a mirror for Diawara to build an aesthetic and reflexive story, through song and dance, about the current and yet timeless drama of emigration between North and South and refugee crises. The film ponders the realities of cultural encounters through the concepts of métissage and hybridity. The success and limits of fusing African and European perspectives are tested by interlacing performances from 'Bintou Were, a Sahel Opera', past and present archival footages of migrations, classic European arias and interviews with European and African intellectuals, artists and social activists.

The film will soon be presented in Portugal, on a date to be announced.

Produced by Maumaus / Lumiar Cité, co-produced by the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development, ZDF/3sat and documenta 14.

Portugal, USA, Mali

Director: Manthia Diawara
Producer: Jürgen Bock

Venue:

BALi-Kinos im Kulturbahnhof Kassel
Rainer-Dierichs-Platz 1
34117 Kassel
Germany

Bambara, English, French and Wolof with English and German subtitles, 70 min

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Production:



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