



2019 LEKKI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



The inaugural edition of the Lekki International Film Festival which concluded on Saturday June 22, 2019 with a gala/award ceremony saw leading Nigerian cinematographers Tade Ogidan and Lancelot Imasuen and three other film makers taking home the award plaques. The other film makers are Cameroon's Jude Fokwang a professor in Denver, USA, Balaraba Ramat Yakubu of Kano, also a younger sister of the late Nigerian Head of State Murtala Ramat Mohammed and Okhomina Joseph a film school student.



2019 Festival venue, The Lekki Coliseum.



Imasuen's new and yet to be released film FAMILY FIRST received the Best Film Award while Tade Ogidan's film now running in the cinemas GOLD STATUE won the Best Feature Film Award. The Best Indigenous Language Film Award went to the film PALACE COUP a Hausa language film set in the early Nineteenth Century Kano and produced by Balaraba Ramat Mohammed. The Best Documentary Film Award went to SOMETHING NEW IN OLD TOWN by Jude Fokwang which is set in contemporary Cameroon. The Best Short Film which went to Okhomina Joseph's ten minutes short feature DEPRESSION may have beaten some of the very intense short films on the final shortlist because of the issue of great currency that is its theme. SOMETHING NEW IN OLD TOWN is set in a notorious suburb of the Cameroon capital city of Yaounde known as Old Town which is the normal hub for prostitution and urban violence. It is also adopted as home by peasants and artisans because of their low pay and pecuniary existence. The documentary depicts Old Town peasants, former prostitutes and noble people of the poor and neglected district building a new life for themselves by forming voluntary societies with inbuilt self-support mechanisms, also with very strong social bonding

Tade Ogidan's GOLD STATUE is a resounding social message about the aspirations of the young in society whose quest to get marvelously rich even in the face of grave danger to itself and at the risk of the desecration of sacred monuments and assets strikes at another theme of social resonance.

Lancelot Imasuen's FAMILY FIRST is the story of family bonding and the preservation of the family tie at a time of social insecurity, upheavals and economic turbulence

Editor's Note

Images from the festival in this compilation are merely representative and by no means an exhaustive album of all the dignitaries and participants in attendance at the various events.

From the Gala & Awards Night



Keei Migaru MD Kozworki with Lola Orighogi, founder African Movie Channel



Tosin Bakare, Alliance Française and Helen Ubalu, MD Photoscope of the festival Gala



Some members of the jury at the award ceremony.



Segun Oyekunle, MD Abaja Film Village and Chairman of Lekki Festival Jury



Model & TV presenter Fun with Claude Mwamba of WAP



Some Lekki Festival Team Members



Nollywood actor Wale Ojo During the Gala event



Ace cinematographer Tade Ogidan and winner of the Best Feature Film Award at the Lekki International Film Festival with festival jury chairman Segun Oyekunle.



Chairman of the jury Segun Oyeleke and Dapo Ademilé Festival Director at the commencement of the presentation of awards.



Rose Mjpara MD Kureworld and founder Film House Cawras



Lekki fashion designer, Austin Ainseloku at the awards.



Short film maker Mercy Adabbi at the awards.



Daji Irawo founder and CEO X2D tv channel



Representing Balarabe Ramat Yakubu, Son Mohammed, History lecturer at Ahmadu Bello University at the Lekki Film Festival gala event.



Rose Mjpara MD Kureworld with Professor Tore Adan, University of Minnesota and Chematographer Sule Ogidi at the Lekki Film Festival Gala



Actress Mercy Iyumu



Festival director Opa Adeniyi with @channels_tv,nt Channels TV General Manager Kingsley Uranta



Claude Mwebembe of WAPTV



The Views Channel team



Actor Wale Ojo with Toyse Adeniyi and Segilola Awolesi



Model and TV presenter Fon at the red carpet.



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Festival director Dapo Adesini with the Guinness team



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Frontbox behind designer Austin Akwukwa, a guest and Dapo Adesini, Lekki Film Festival Director at the Festival gala event



Hardworking official photographers and videographers, Studio24



Helen Ubak, MD/CEO, Photoscape



Tosin Bakam, president Alliance Franchise, Lagos



Jagat Chivande, MD/CEO Mega Film Village International LLC, and Festival jury chair with Nnekechala Nwankwo, head of protocol, Lekki International Film Festival

From the Cocktail Party & Open Mic



Guests arriving.



Kene Mkpuru CEO Komworld & founder Filmhouse Cinemas with Dapo Adeniyi festival director, Victor Ndu CEO Life Capital & film industry investor and Segilola Awolusi, LIFF head, corporate relations.



Kene Mkpuru MD, Komworld, founder Filmhouse Cinemas, speaking.



Lola Onigbogi founder and CEO Africa Movie Channel



Ifeoma Agu, Senior Brand Manager, Premium Non-alcoholics, Guinness Nigeria



Victor Ndu, CEO Life Capital and film industry investor.



Kingsley Uranta, GM, Channels Television



Elizabeth Ikem erstwhile provost Nigerian Institute of Journalism.



Habeeza Agui, Senior Brand Manager, Premium Non-alcoholic, Guinness Nigeria and Claude Nwamba, Director, WAP.



Tokunboh Odeburum, founder Obalande Suya, UK & CEO WOW (South Nigeria) and wife.



(From left to right) Dr. Joseph Darko, Health Sector Specialist, M&A, Village and Studio Nwamba, Director, WAP.



Actress Mercy Nyama as Comere

From the Festival Forum



Professor Duro Oyeji, Interim and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos, speaking at the Festival Forum.



Segun Oyeleke on the podium with Chloee Okpara.



The Festival forum, a section of the audience.



Dr. Abiodun Ikodu, President, Center of Honor, An'Yor Marshall Perry Okunribido, Arin Chiamaka Segun Oyeleke, Dapo Adesina, Festival Director, Professor Duro Oyeji of the University of Lagos, Professor Joseph Ojo of Lagos State University, New York, Festival Chair, Amara Akande and Arinjo, Lekan Adesina of the Nigerian Film Corporation.



Film maker Dennis Ejiro with Dapo Adesina, Lagos International Film Festival director and Kemi Missoni CEO K2MWorld & founder Filmmouse Cinema.



Hollywood actor Kenneth Okocha with Festival Director Dapo Adesina.