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**BFI'S AFRICAN ODYSSEYS PRESENTS:
Bob Marley: The Making of a Legend
and
Exodus: Finding Shelter
at BFI Southbank on Saturday 17 December**



BFI's **African Odysseys** strand presents a double-bill of music inspired films this December. The premiere screening of **Bob Marley: The Making of a Legend** comes from directors **Esther Anderson** (the former partner of Marley) and **Gian Godoy** and takes look at the Jamaica that influenced Marley's early years prior to his international success. An independently financed film, made with a low budget aesthetic, creates

an intimate and personal account of this extraordinary figure that would otherwise be missing in a more commercial production.

Also screening will be the new documentary, **Exodus: Finding Shelter** from directors **Tommaso D'Elia** and **Silvia Bonanni**. The documentary follows the fate of the massively successful **Rototom Sunsplash** reggae festival after local government opposition drove it out of its original home in Italy.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Bob Marley: The Making of a Legend

Dir Esther Anderson and Gian Godoy. 90min

An unusual insight into the original Rasta culture from Jamaican actress Esther Anderson. The documentary looks at the movement at its peak in the 70s and incorporates personal footage and historical and contemporary testimonies.

Plus,

Exodus: Finding Shelter (Italy 2011. Dir Tommaso D'Elia and Silvia Bonanni. 55min.

EST) A documentary following the fate of the Rototom Sunsplash, the largest Reggae festival in its search for new home

Followed by a discussion

Tickets £5

Sat 17 Dec 13:30 NFT1

About African Odysseys

The **African Odysseys** strand has been running for almost five years and presents a selection of screenings focusing on the experience of Africa and its diaspora with the programme aiming to challenge attitudes and provoke discussion. **African Odysseys** responds to an absence of available content relating directly to the cultural and historical experience of Africa and its people.

The strand doesn't have a single curator but brings together a wide cross-section of cultural activists, film-makers, community leaders and writers who propose events throughout the year. In addition to a collective strategy for programming events, African Odysseys utilises an innovative way of working with audiences, extending its reach through grass roots organisations and welcoming new audiences who would otherwise not be aware of the **BFI**.

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- Preserving and restoring the most significant film collection in the world for today and future generations
- Championing emerging and world class film makers in the UK
- Investing in creative, distinctive and entertaining work
- Promoting British film and talent to the world
- Growing the next generation of film makers and audiences

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