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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Times Talks 3: A Conversation With George Clooney

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 12: Director and CEO of the American Film Institute, Jean Picker Firstenberg, actor/director George Clooney and AFI festival coordinator Christian Gaines pose onstage during the Times Talks 3: A Conversation With George Clooney panel discussion during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 12, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) ***
Local Caption *** Jean Picker Firstenberg;George Clooney;Christian Gaines

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Casanova Closing Night Gala

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 13: AFI festival coordinator Christian Gaines speaks at the Casanova Closing Night Gala during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 13, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: AFI Fest Awards Ceremony

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 13: Netflix Representative Ted Sarandos (L) and AFI festival coordinator Christian Gaines attend the AFI Fest Awards ceremony during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 13, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: AFI Fest Awards Ceremony

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 13: (L-R) Actor/Producer/Writer Tom Arnold, Netflix Representative Ted Sarandos, and AFI festival coordinator Christian Gaines attend the AFI Fest Awards ceremony during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the Arclight Theatre on November 13, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Casanova Closing Night Gala

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 13: (L-R) "The Refugee All Stars" crew member, Filmmaker Zach Niles, Reuben M. Koroma, Abdul Rahim Kamara, Director of Photography Banker White and a cast member attend the Casanova Closing Night Gala during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 13, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Casanova Closing Night Gala

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 13: (L-R) "The Refugee All Stars" Filmmaker Zach Niles, Abdul Rahim Kamara, cast member, Reuben M. Koroma and Director of Photography Banker White attend the Casanova Closing Night Gala during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 13, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Casanova Closing Night Gala

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 13: (L-R) Director and CEO of the American Film Institute Jean Picker Firstenberg, producer Mark Gordon, Director Lasse Hallstrom, producer Leslie Holleran, actress Lena Olin, actor Charlie Cox, actress Sienna Miller, producer Su Armstrong, actress Natalie Dormer, producer Betsy Beers, actor Oliver Platt and AFI Director of Programming Nancy Collet attend the Casanova Closing Night Gala during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 13, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented by Audi: Special Screening of "Pele Forever"

LOS ANGELES, CA - NOVEMBER 04: (L-R) Director Anibal Massaini Neto, California Senator Gil Cedillo, guest Ricardo Moreno, football star Pele of Brazil and City Counselman Eric Garcetti during Pele's acceptance of the Proclomation from the Congress of California during the special screening of the film "Pele Forever" at the AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre November 4, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Anibal Massaini Neto;Gil Cedillo;Ricardo Moreno;Pele;Eric Garcetti

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AFI Fest Presented by Audi: Press Conference For "Pele Forever"

LOS ANGELES, CA - NOVEMBER 04: Football Star Pele of Brazil talks during the press conference for the film "Pele Forever" at the AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre November 4, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Pele

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AFI Fest Presented by Audi: Press Conference For "Pele Forever"

LOS ANGELES, CA - NOVEMBER 04: Football star Pele of Brazil and director Anibal Massaini Neto shake hands during the press conference for the film "Pele Forever" at the AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre November 4, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption ***
Pele;Anibal Massaini Neto

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi World Premiere of "Dirty"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 09: Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. attends the world premiere of the film "Dirty" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 9, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi World Premiere of "Dirty"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 09: Actor/musician Taboo of The Black Eyed Peas attends the world premiere of the film "Dirty" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 9, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi World Premiere of "Dirty"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 09: Director Christopher Fisher attends the world premiere of the film "Dirty" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 9, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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Around AFI Fest Presented by Audi The World Premiere of "The Refugee All Stars"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 09: Cast members Abdul Rahim Kamara (L) and Reuben M. Koroma attend the world premiere of the film "The Refugee All Stars" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 9, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Special Screening of "Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 10: Comedian Sarah Silverman attends the special screening of the film "Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 10, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Special Screening of "Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 10: Comedian Sarah Silverman (C) poses with co-Presidents of Roadside Attractions Eric d'Arbeloff (L) and Howard Cohen as they attend the special screening of the film "Sarah Silverman: Jesus Is Magic" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 10, 2005 in Hollywood, California.

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: A Tribute to Johnny Depp

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 11: Actor Johnny Depp (L) is interviewed by writer Richard Schickel during the tribute to Johnny Depp, during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 11, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Johnny Depp;Richard Schickel

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: North American Premiere Of "Rosario Tijeras"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 11: Actress Flora Martinez attends the North American Premiere for the film "Rosario Tijeras" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 11, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Flora Martinez

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: North American Premiere Of "Rosario Tijeras"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 11: (L-R) Producer Matthias Ehrenberg, actress Flora Martinez, actor Manolo Cardona and Director Emilio Maille attend the North American Premiere for the film "Rosario Tijeras" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 11, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Matthias Ehrenberg;Flora Martinez;Manolo Cardona;Emilio Maille

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: Screening Of "Summer In Berlin"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 11: Actor Andreas Schmidt attends the screening for the film "Summer In Berlin" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 11, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Andreas Schmidt

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AFI Fest Kodak Connect

HOLLYWOOD , CA - NOVEMBER 11: Director Penelope Spheeris and actor Eric Gores are seen at the AFI Fest Kodak Connect during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre November 11, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Getty Images for AFI/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Penelope Spheeris;Eric Gores

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: World Premiere of "The Kid & I"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 12: Director/producer Penelope Spheeris, actor/producer/screenwriter Tom Arnold and actor Eric Gores attends the world premiere of the film "The Kid & I" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 12, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Penelope Spheeris;Tom Arnold;Eric Gores

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: World Premiere of "The Kid & I"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 12: Actor/producer Tom Arnold attends the world premiere of the film "The Kid & I" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 12, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Kevin Winter/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Tom Arnold

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: World Premiere of "The Kid & I"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 12: Actor Eric Gores and actor/director/writer Tom Arnold attend the world premiere of the film "The Kid & I" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 12, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Eric Gores;Tom Arnold

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AFI Fest Presented By Audi: World Premiere of "The Kid & I"

HOLLYWOOD - NOVEMBER 12: Director/producer Penelope Spheeris, actor Eric Gores, Eric's father Alan Gores and Director and CEO of the American Film Institute Jean Picker Firstenberg attend the world premiere of the film "The Kid & I" during AFI Fest presented by Audi at the ArcLight Theatre on November 12, 2005 in Hollywood, California. (Photo by Frazer Harrison/Getty Images for AFI) *** Local Caption *** Penelope Spheeris;Eric Gores;Alan Gores;Jean Picker Firstenberg

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THE REFUGEE ALL STARS

a brief history

HISTORY OF THE WAR IN SIERRA LEONE



- Sierra Leone was created in the late 18th century by freed slaves from the British colonies in the West Indies. The country is rich in mineral resources and is world famous for the high quality diamonds that were discovered there in the 1900's. After independence in 1961 successive governments were dominated by a small political elite who exclusively profited from the country's lucrative diamond trade. Little of this national income trickled down to benefit the rest of the population. From 1991 to 2002, the country was ripped apart by a neighborly civil war from which it is slowly now beginning to emerge.
- As many developing countries struggled with post colonial governmental corruption, growing resentment took the shape of civil rights and student movements worldwide. The future rebel leader, Foday Sankoh emerged from Sierra Leone's student movement in the 1970's. Though he had served in an army corporal, he was eventually imprisoned for his anti-establishment politics. In the 1980's Sankoh went to Liberia and then to Liberia to take part in the early stages of the movement that would eventually bring Charles Taylor to power eight years later. In 1989, with Taylor's backing, Sankoh established the Revolutionary United Front (RUF) in Liberia. In 1991 Sankoh began his own rebellion when the RUF invaded Sierra Leone.
- Soon after the RUF entered Sierra Leone, a separate military group overthrew the government of then president Joseph Momoh and created the National Provisional Ruling Council (NPRC). Despite the change in government, the RUF continued their attacks throughout the country, swiftly establishing control over its diamond mines.
- Eventually giving in to foreign and domestic pressure the NPRC held general elections in 1996. A new civilian government was formed under Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, the first freely elected president in 34 years. In response to an election campaign slogan, "The future is in your hands," Sankoh's RUF rebels began their own brutal campaign of amputating the hands and limbs of innocent civilians. These atrocities were often carried out by child soldiers forcibly recruited by the RUF. Some of these "soldiers" were only eight years old.
- After more than a decade of fighting, Sierra Leone's civil war was officially declared over in January 2002. In May of that year President Kabbah was re-elected with 70% of the vote. The war saw nearly half of the country's population of 4.5 million displaced and an estimated 500,000 people were forced to seek refuge in neighboring countries. At least 50,000 people died in the fighting and there are an estimated 100,000 victims of mutilation. The war left the economy in ruins and collapsed the country's infrastructure. In June 2003 a UN court indicted Liberian President Charles Taylor on war crimes and crimes against humanity for his role in Sierra Leone's conflict.

HISTORY OF REFUGEES IN GUINEA



- UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees), the United Nations refugee organization, leads and coordinates international action for the worldwide protection of refugees and the resolution of refugee problems. Refugees are legally defined as people who are outside of their countries because of "a well founded fear of persecution based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group, and who cannot or do not want to return home."
- Throughout the 1990's, Guinea absorbed one of the largest per capita refugee influxes in the world. At its peak, some estimates lay that over 700,000 refugees from neighboring Sierra Leone and Liberia found shelter in Guinea - roughly ten per cent of Guinea's own population of seven million.
- According to UNHCR's 2001 Global Appeal Report, there are a total of 180,000 refugees currently in Guinea, with 17,000 refugees from Sierra Leone and 123,000 refugees from Liberia. Because of the relative stability in Sierra Leone and the continuing war in Liberia, that same report estimates that by the end of 2003, the number of Sierra Leonean refugees will drop to 20,000 while the number of Liberian refugees will increase to 134,000.
- All of the Sierra Leonean refugees that remain in Guinea are now being urged to return home to begin rebuilding their lives and their country.

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The Refugee All Stars

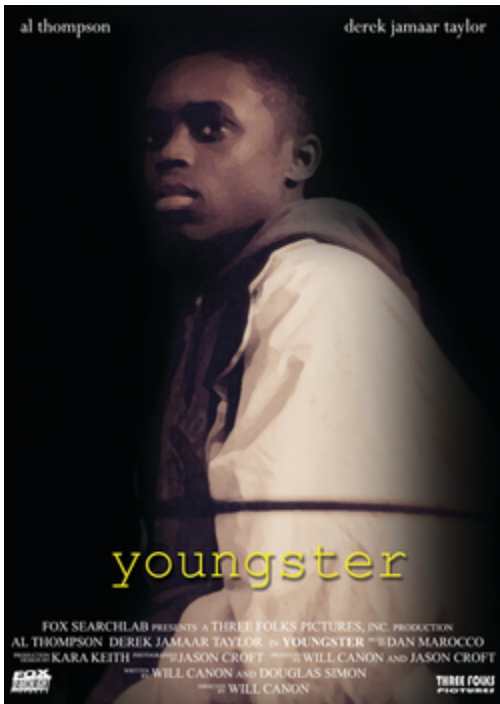


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