



## Press Info no. 3 | 14 September 2015

### Programmatic changes

As we gear up for the AFRICAN DIASPORA CINEMA series to start, nearly all announced films have arrived in Cologne. Some guests had to cancel their appearance, so others have been invited (additional guests from Ghana and Burkina Faso are also expected). One film also had to be replaced by another and the location of the closing party has been changed. Details below:

### Thursday, 17.9., 21.00: Film discussion

**Raoul Peck**, director of the opening film **MEURTRE À PACOT (MURDER IN PACOT)**, and one of its stars, **Alex Descas**, are unable to attend due to current filming commitments.

### Wednesday, 23.9., 19.00: Films by black Germans

**Otu Tetteh** will be unable to leave Berlin and travel to Cologne due to work commitments. The other three announced filmmakers will be present.

### Friday, 25.9., 19.30: Panel discussion

Filmmaker **John A. Kantara** cannot come to Cologne and thus will be unable to participate in the panel discussion **BLACK GERMANS IN MEDIA AND SOCIETY**. In his place, journalist and filmmaker **Esther Donkor** will participate. **Julius B. Franklin** has had to cancel his appearance for health reasons. Instead, **Tahir Della**, board member for the Black People in Germany initiative (ISD), will serve as discussant.

### Saturday, 26.9., 16.00: Film presentation

The documentary **AND WE WERE GERMANS** cannot be presented due to as-yet-unclarified film rights issues; even director **John A. Kantara** does not hold a copy to present. In its place, another of his films will be shown: **BLUES IN BLACK & WHITE: FOUR BLACK GERMAN LIVES** (D 1998, 37 min., dt. OF mit engl. UT). **Theodor Wonja Michael**, a black German, survivor of the Nazi regime, and protagonist of the film, has agreed to take part in the film discussion.

### Saturday, 26.9., 20.00: Film presentation

**Slimane Dazi**, one of the stars of the FESPACO award-winning film **FIÈVRES** (who portrays the father) is prevented from attending due to filming commitments. His co-star **Lounès Tazairt**, who portrays the grandfather, will attend in his place.

### Saturday, 26.9., 21.00: Closing party

Contrary to the programme announcement, the **Festival Closing Party** will not take place in the Ehrenfeld YUCA-Club, but rather in the **Schokoladenmuseum**, where on 26 September the **Jalla! Weltmusikparty** will headline the show. The Jalla-Club, founded 10 years ago in Munich, has held world music parties in Amsterdam, Paris, Mexico City and numerous German cities. This time, live performances include: Roland Peil (Percussion / Fanta 4) and guest DJ Meli Melo. The closing party of the AFRICAN DIASPORA CINEMA series is presented by WDR-Funkhaus Europa.