

## Fred Kuwornu Kicks off 'New York Black History Month'

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Italian filmmaker Fred Kuwornu kicks off 'New York Black History Month' showing "Inside Buffalo" and "18 IUS SOLI" two documentaries on black WWII heroes in Italy, discrimination against Italians of African descent

Every year, Black History Month allows United States to remember accomplishments of Americans, despite the hardships and treatment they received during its history.

Director Fred Kuwornu, an Italian filmmaker of African heritage, tell the story of the accomplishments of the 92nd Buffalo Division during World War II in the documentary "Inside Buffalo (They served



America when America was not ready to serve them)".

With the other documentary "18 Ius Soli" that premiered at BAMcinématek's 2013 New Voices in Black Cinema, he also brilliantly examines race, ethnicity, and national identity in a newly multicultural Italy of the early 21st century.

An award-winning documentary about 18 young people who, despite having been born in Italy, do not have access to Italian citizenship because their parents came to Italy from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Director Fred Kuwornu, supported by Italian Cultural Institute will attend at all screenings leading Q&A on WW II and Civil Rights History and on racial identity, migration, and citizenship in contemporary Italy and the United States.

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#### BIOGRAPHY

Fred Kudjo Kuwornu, born and raised in Italy, is an Italian-Ghanaian activist-producer-writer-director. He graduated in Political Science. After college, Fred moved to Rome where he began working as a TV show writer for RAI 1. He has produced several works with his production company, Struggle Filmworks. In 2008, after working with the production crew of Spike Lee's *Miracle at St. Anna* (2008), Fred decided to research the unknown story of the 92nd Infantry "Buffalo Soldiers" Division, discovering the journey taken by the real 92nd veterans, the African American segregated combat unit which fought in Europe during WW II. Fred Kuwornu founded the non-profit organization Diversity Italia promoting the importance of racial and ethnic diversity in Italy and Europe using film and other arts as tools for building a more inclusive society. His current project, *64*, it's a documentary about the U.S. Civil Rights movement.

#### Tour:

Jan. 29 Rochester, Ny "Inside Buffalo" at Rochester University at the River Campus-Lattimore 201 at 6 p.m. For more information, contact the Nazareth College Casa Italiana a (585) 389-246

Jan. 30 Rochester, Ny "18 IUS SOLI" at the Shults Center Forum at 6 p.m. at Nazareth College, 4245 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14618

Feb. 3 Bronx, NY "Inside Buffalo" at Fordham University at Rose Hill, flom auditorium, Walsh Library at 5.30 p.m. 441 E. Fordham Road, Bronx, N.Y

Feb. 4 New York, NY "18 IUS SOLI" at Fordham University LC Campus at Lincoln Center South lounge at 5.30 p.m. (NW corner of Columbus Avenue at 60th Street -113 West 60th Street, New York, NY 10023)

Feb.5 Boston, MA "18 IUS SOLI " at Boston University at 5p.m. at 718 Commonwealth Avenue Boston, MA.

Feb. 7 Queens, NY "18 IUS SOLI" at Saint Johns Queens Campus at 6p.m. 8000 Utopia Pkwy, Queens, NY 11439

Feb. 10 Staten Island, NY at Black Box Theater at 1.50 p.m. St. Johns Staten Island Campus 300 Howard Ave, Staten Island, NY

Feb. 12 Hempstead, Ny "18 IUS SOLI" at 12:45 p.m. at at Hofstra University Student Center Theater at Sondra and David S. Mack Student Center, North Campus

Feb. 12 Hempstead, Ny "Inside Buffalo" at 3:30 p.m. at at Hofstra University Student Center Theater



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Feb. 23 18 New Brunswick, NJ "18 IUS SOLI" at Rutgers University at Voorhees Hall 105, 71 Hamilton Street, College Avenue Campus, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Febr.28 New Haven, CT "Inside Buffalo" at the Department of African American Studies of Yale University. 81 Wall Street New Haven, CT 06511

March 3 South Orange Village, New Jersey "18 IUS SOLI" at 55 p.m. at Seton Hall University 400 S Orange Ave, South Orange Village, New Jersey

March 4th New Haven, CT "18 IUS SOLI" Yale University at 5.30 p.m. at Luce Auditorium Henry R. Luce Hall 34 Hillhouse Avenue

March 5 Fairfield , CT "18 IUS SOLI" at 5 p.m. at Fairfield University 1073 N Benson Rd, Fairfield, CT 06824

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