

SELA FILMS PRESENTS
UTOPIA

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STARRING DEVIN MCCARTHY & MAKHA MTHEMBU CO-STARRING SAMANTHA BOWLING & KRISTEL ROCHE
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY AIMIENDE NEGBENEOR SELA DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY STEPHEN ST. PETER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER DAVID SILVERBERG
PRODUCED BY NICOLE LENORA BROWN, MIKE MURRAY & AIMIENDE NEGBENEOR SELA



SYNOPSIS

Utopia, a film about true love and self-acceptance, follows a Ugandan woman who wakes up from a blissful coma: the result of her narrowly escaping a fire with her life and now she must face the reality of her near-death experience.

NEWS & REVIEWS

The Monthly Film Festival

Film of the Month: <https://tmff.net/reviews/utopia/>

Film Strip International Film Festival

Short Films Review: <https://www.fifest.net/utopia>

FESTIVAL TOUR

<https://www.selafilms.com/utopia>

MEDIA

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CAST



Makha Mthembu (Angel, Uganda)

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm8743713>



Devin McCarthy (Angel, Los Angeles)

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm6811842>



Samantha Bowling (Lilly, Los Angeles)

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3584805>



Krystel Roche (Lilly, Uganda)

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5291027>

Will Blagrove (Dr. Jelani)

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1309437>

Sarah Hassan (Mom)

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3062843>

Sonia Grace

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm4496445>

Quincee Kaya Dill

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5403144>

Sushana Watkins

<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3194961>

CREW



Aimiende Negbenebor Sela is the **Writer-Director** of the award winning true story *Asa, A Beautiful Girl*, crime drama *A Day in the Life of Who*, romantic comedy *Blind Date*, and her most recent surreal drama *Utopia*. Growing up from that kid watching *The Sound of Music* (on repeat) one forever summer back in Nigeria to the adult cozied up on a California love seat to TCM, dazzled by the complexity of the characters in *12 Angry Men*, films have always helped Aimiende make sense of a nonsensical world. Her hope as a filmmaker is that her work shows that we live the same lives, we're just colored differently.



Nicole Lenora, **Producer**, has curated her career around stellar storytelling. Whether it's been through producing commercials or independent films, her keen eye to detail and crew-project matchmaking has made her stand out in the industry. Starting her professional career as a broadcast journalist before transitioning into film, she has a 360 view of the industry which has helped her both market and create quality films. Currently, she's in development on her first feature script "The Red Kite" as well as in pre-production on a couple Indies slated for principle photography at the beginning of 2019. When she's not writing or producing, she enjoys drawing, geode hunting and scuba diving.



Stephen St. Peter, **Cinematographer**, was born to a Norwegian mother and an American father and cherishes citizenship in both countries. He grew up in the cold north of Norway, surrounded by breathtaking nature. He continues to search for this natural beauty in everyday life and tries to incorporate it into his work. He now resides in LA and graduated from American Film Institute in 2014 with an MFA in cinematography. Stephen has seen the power of cinema and believes it's a window into our lives and unknown worlds and that ultimately it can help us gain understanding and unite us. He is always trying to improve his craft and create the best frame to tell the story.

Eric Rickey, **Composer** <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm5992166>

Pulsar Studios, **Sound Design & Mixing** (Portugal) <https://www.pulsarsoundstudios.com>

Walter Moïse, **Editor** <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm2149983>

Executive Producer

David Silverberg

ADDITIONAL CREW

Mike Murray, **Production Designer**

Autumn Lee Fink, **Art Director**

Josseline Salguero, **Make up Dept. Head**

Allen Chodakowski, **1st Assistant Camera**

Avery Nguyen, **BTS Photographer**

Martin Watts, **Gaffer**

Catelin Dzuiba, **Wardrobe**

Lizinke Kruger, **P.A.**

Joe Corrado, **Effects Consultant**

Rochelle Morales, **Special Effects Make Up**

John Rosales, **Sound Engineer**

Winton Foulds, **Assistant Camera**

Daphne Trinh, **2nd Assistant Camera**

Daniel Moya, **Extras Casting**

Rocio Cruz-Garcia, **P.A.**

