

Coconut Head Generation



Synopsis

Every Thursday, a group of students from the University of Ibadan, the oldest in Nigeria, organizes a film club, transforming a small lecture hall into a political agora where they develop a critical voice. "Coconut Head Generation", a scornful expression to designate a stubborn and brainless youth, takes on a whole new meaning when the students turn this stigma around to claim their freedom of thought.

Cast

Tobi Akinde
Adeyosola Adeniran
Leye Komolafe
Deyo Adebisi
Obayomi Anthony Ayodele
Adeyemi Olufunmilayo Adebimpe
Adejoke Adetoro
Aderemi Ojo
Temitope Ojo

A film by Alain Kassanda
Camera Alain Kassanda, Tobi Akinde
Sound Alain Kassanda
Editing Alain Kassanda
Sound editing, mix Jocelyn Robert
Color grading Emmanuel Fraisse
Produced by Alain Kassanda and Emilie Guitard (Ajímatí Films)

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Alain Kassanda

Born in Kinshasa, Alain Kassanda left the DRC for France at the age of 11. After studying communication, he has been staging cycles of movie showings in various Parisian theaters. He then became the programmer of an art house cinema for five years, in the suburbs of Paris, before moving to Ibadan, in southwestern Nigeria, from 2015 to 2019.

There he directed *Trouble Sleep*, a medium-length film centered on the road, depicted from the perspectives of a taxi driver and a tax collector. The film received the Golden Dove for best film at the Dok Leipzig festival in 2020 and the special mention of the jury at the Visions du réel festival. This was followed by *Colette and Justin*, a feature film intertwining his family history and the history of the decolonization of the Congo. The film was part of the international competition at Idfa in 2022. *Coconut Head Generation* is his third film.

Filmography

- *Trouble Sleep*, 2020, 40 min (Dok Leipzig - Golden Dove / Visions du réel - Special Jury Mention)
- *Colette & Justin*, 2022, 88 min (IDFA - International Competition)
- *Coconut Head Generation*, 2023, 89 min (Cinéma du réel, New Directors/New Films)