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Shooting format: HD
Screening formats: DCP, BluRay (16:9, Dolby 5.1 & stereo, 25fps)
Languages: English
Color or b/w: color

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Synopsis: An unflinching look at the #FeesMustFall student movement that burst onto the South African political landscape in 2015 as a protest over the cost of education.

The story is told by four student leaders at Wits University and their Vice Chancellor, Adam Habib, a left-wing, former anti-apartheid student activist. When Habib's efforts to contain the protest fail, he brings 1000 police on to campus. There are dire consequences for the young leaders.

By blending dramatic unfolding action with a multi-protagonist narrative, much of the drama lies in the internal struggles the activists have around the weight of leadership. Threaded through the film is a pulse of anticipation, shared across the generational divide, that somehow these youth have reached breaking point and won't back down until they achieve the kind of social transformation that previous generations had long given up on.

Credits

Author and Director: Rehad Desai
DoP: Nic Hofmeyr
Sound: Sibusiso Zulu, President Kapa
Editors: Megan Gill, Arya Laloo, Geert Veuskens
Music: Jannous Aukema
Commissioning editors: Fiona Lawson (Al Jazeera)
Margje de Koning (IKONdocs)

Anders Bruus (DRTV)
Co-producers: Jacqueline Jones, Grant Clark (Kittina Media)
Producers: Anita Khanna, Rehad Desai, Zivia Desai Keiper (Uhuru Productions)
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Festivals and Awards: Cape Town IFF 2018, South Africa (**Award for Best South African Documentary**)
Johannesburg FF 2018, South Africa
IDFA Amsterdam 2018, Netherlands

Biography Rehad Desai

Rehad Desai is a South African producer and director who runs his own film and TV production company Uhuru Productions. Following his return from exile in the UK, Rehad worked as a trade union organiser, a health and safety/media officer for a chemical workers union and a director of a HIV prevention NGO.

In 1997 he completed his Masters Degree in Social History at the University of the Witwatersrand. Rehad entered the TV and film industry as a current affairs journalist, and has since focused his energy on documentary productions with historical and socio –political topics, much of which has received critical acclaim.

In 2000 he completed a postgraduate degree in TV and film producing through AVEA.

In 2009 he completed a postgraduate diploma in documentary production through Eurodoc.

He is leading activist and spokesperson of the Marikana Support Campaign.

Filmography Rehad Desai (selection)

2018 EVERYTHING MUST FALL, doc, 58 / 85 min, director / producer
2016 THE GIANT IS FALLING, doc, 58 / 77 min, director / producer
2014 MINERS SHOT DOWN, doc, 52 / 86 min, director / producer
2010 BATTLE FOR JOHANNESBURG, doc, 72 min, director / producer
2007 BHAMBATHA: WAR OF THE HEADS 1906, fiction, 72 min. director / producer
2006 BUSHMANS SECRET, doc, 52 / 65 min, director / producer.
2004 BORN INTO STRUGGLE, doc, 52 / 74 min, director / producer