

## SA short wins AiM film competition

A silent experimental documentary from South Africa won the second annual Africa in Motion (AiM) short film competition. Paul Emmanuel's 3SAI: A Rite of Passage was screened as part of the Africa in Motion Film Festival, held 22 October - 1 November 2009, at the UK African Film Festival, which takes place at the Filmhouse in Edinburgh, Scotland.



Emmanuel was awarded £1000 to help with his filmmaking career.

The judging panel consisted of filmmaker, journalist and regular on BBC 2's The Culture Show, Zina Saro-Wiwa; director of the Scottish Documentary Institute, Noe Mendelle; and respected film critic, writer and producer Mark Cousins.

Said Emmanuel on winning the competition: "I am absolutely thrilled to have my film selected for such a prestigious festival, and winning this competition is a wonderfully affirming experience for me! It is so exciting that an interpretive, and experimental film is being shown beyond the art gallery or museum-going-audience too! I hope that others from my country will be inspired to take this leap of faith and realise their dream!"

Jury member Mark Cousins says of the competition: "Short films are the spurts of life, the new shoots, of the film world. It is great that Africa in Motion is focusing on them. That's where the discovery and vitality is. The short film competition, and its considerable prize, is a brilliant way of putting the festival's money where its mouth is, and giving a fillip to the zingy and daring new African directors. I am delighted to be part of it."

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