

Yeelen (Brightness)

Souleymane Cisse

Hailed as "one of the great experiences of world cinema" (The Los Angeles Times), master filmmaker Souleymane Cisse's stunning feature is set in the ancient Bambara culture of Mali during the 16th century and follows a young warrior whose growing strength and knowledge force a confrontation with his father. "Conceivably the greatest African film ever made, sublimely mixing the matter-of-fact with the uncanny, this wondrous work provides an ideal introduction to a filmmaker who, next to Ousmane Sembene, is probably Africa's greatest director" (Jonathan Rosenbaum, Chicago Reader). Winner of the Jury Prize at Cannes. In Bambara and French with English subtitles. Malai, 1987, 105 mins.

DVD**Faces of Women**

Desire Ecare

Eugenie Cisse Roland, Sidiki Bakaba and Albertine N'Guessan star in this vibrant, adventurous film about contemporary Africa. Two women try to balance the demands of tradition and modern life in their changing world. It's a sensual, joyous combination of raucous comedy and pulsating African music. In indigenous languages and French with English subtitles. Ivory Coast, 1985, 105 mins.

Videocassette