



Iowa African Film Festival Announces Programme and Opening Night

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DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa African Film Festival (IAFF) today reveals the official programme for its inaugural edition, taking place from August 6 to 8, 2026 at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. From over 500 global submissions, 30 films from 22 countries have been selected across feature films, documentaries, and short films.

Opening Night — The Coruskan

The festival opens Thursday 6 August starting at 2pm with a special screening of *The Coruskan* (dir. Fred Eyriey, France / Réunion, 1 hr 59 min) at 7:00 PM in Sussman Theatre. A story of grief, mental health, and the silent battles fought in silence, *The Coruskan* received the highest score from this year's adjudication panel and was selected unanimously for Opening Night. A filmmaker Q&A will follow.

The full programme runs across three venues on the Drake University campus — Sussman Theatre (features and documentaries), Harkin (health and mental health short films), and Aliber 101 (panels, documentary shorts, and mixed screenings). Friday 7 August is the full festival day, with screening blocks from 1:00 PM, panel discussions, peak-hour feature films at 6:00 PM, and the Awards Ceremony on Saturday 8 August at Johanson.

Tickets are on sale now at iowafricanfilmfestival.org. From \$10 for a single-to-three film pass to \$100 for a full festival pass on <https://iowafricanfilmfestival.org/tickets>

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