

Film title

Disco Boy

Tagline

Short synopsis

Following a difficult journey across Europe, Aleksei reaches Paris to enlist in the French Foreign Legion - a highly selective military corp that allows any foreigner, even undocumented, to be granted a French passport. In the Niger Delta, Jomo fights against oil companies that threaten the survival of his village. Meanwhile, his sister Udoka dreams of escaping, knowing that all is already lost there. Beyond borders, life and death, their destinies will intertwine.

Long synopsis

Aleksei is a young Belarusian on the run from a past he must bury. Entering into a kind of Faustian pact, he becomes a member of the French Foreign Legion in exchange for the promise of French citizenship. Far away in the Niger Delta, Jomo is a revolutionary activist engaged in an armed struggle to defend his community. Aleksei is a soldier, Jomo a guerrilla fighter. As a result of one more senseless war, their destinies will intertwine. What is "otherness" and how do you absorb it into who you are as you go through life, cross borders and find yourself inhabiting an ever-changing physical and mental space? Giacomo Abbruzzese exhibits a remarkable sense of out-of-the-box thinking and inventiveness as he explores such questions in a visually striking work that is ripe with poetry and tension. Bodies fall into trances that are both revelatory and altruistic because they represent an opportunity to commune with others. Accompanying this magical reverie is a powerful score from electronic musician Vitalic that helps turn the night club into a place of transcendence. The disco becomes the ultimate destination for those who keep their sights firmly set on the sacred horizon of utopia.

Technical information and credits

Original title: Disco Boy
English title: Disco Boy
Year: 2023
Country: France, Belgium, Poland, Italy
Language: FR, EN, PL, IGBO
Subtitles: CZ
Running time: 93 min
Dostupnost: 15+

DVD / Blu-ray: DCP, mp4
Genre: Drama, War
Directed by: Giacomo Abbruzzese
Written by: Giacomo Abbruzzese
Edited by: Giacomo Abbruzzese, Ariane Boukerche, Fabrizio Federico
Cinematography: Hélène Louvart
Sound by: Guilhem Donzel

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Awards

Berlin IFF - Silver Bear for Outstanding Artistic

Actors

Franz Rogowski, Laetitia Ky, Robert Wieckiewicz,

Contribution - 2023

Michal Balicki, Ash Goldeh, Leon Lucev, Matteo Olivetti

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