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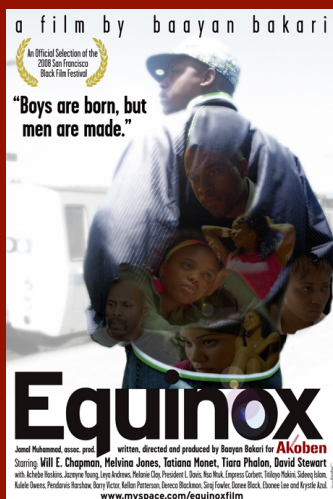
“New Film addresses

a Silent Epidemic: The Missing Manhood

in inner cities throughout America”

Akoban Entertainment announces the release of a powerful new film EQUINOX THE MOVEMENT that addresses the absence of strong male role models in the lives of many of today's youth. The film makes it plain that gangsters, pimps and players have nothing to do with real manhood.

The director, Baayan Bakari, held a casting call five years ago for the film, but was unable to find an actor for the lead role. Therefore, he postponed making EQUINOX and instead circulated a script in Los Angeles called SUMMER REIGN, which got the attention of **Sean Patrick Thomas** (*Save the Last Dance, Barbershop*) and **Kerry Washington** (*Ray, I Think I Love My Wife*). After Hollywood producers asked him to change the story from a drama to a comedy, because “black dramas” don't make money, Baayan Bakari was determined to make a film by hook or by crook. But it was destiny. Will E. Chapman, a young man he had auditioned five years earlier was now ready for the role.



Synopsis

In a community where real men are increasingly hard to find, 18 year old Malachi joins a 'rites of passage' program to learn the true definition of manhood. What he learns is put to the test when his girlfriend resists his growth, his mother abuses his father, his sister's provocative lifestyle endangers her safety, and he's asked to join a revolution against the local radio station.

Stats About Fatherless Homes

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes (US Dept. Of Health/Census) – 5 times the average.
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes – 32 times the average.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes – 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)
- 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes – 10 times the average. (Rainbows for All God's Children)
- 85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes – 20 times the average.

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