



**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**

50 YEARS OF WORKING WITH CELEBRITIES: FILM

CONTRE L'OUBLI (AGAINST OBLIVION)

A compilation of the work of 30 French filmmakers, produced in 1991. Each film focused on a particular political prisoner. For example Jean Luc Godard and Anne Marie Mieville's film looked at Thomas Wanggai, a West Papuan activist who unfortunately died in prison in 1996 .

The short films were commissioned by Amnesty International France to mark the organizations 30th anniversary.

High profile artists involved: Youssou N'Dour, Jane Birkin, Catherine Deneuve, Charlotte Gainsbourg, Bernard Stasi, Abbé Pierre, Philippe Noiret, Haroun Tazieff, Jean-denis Bredin, Robert Badinter, Alain Souchon, Sami Frey, Bruno Masure, Emmanuelle Béart, Henri Cartier Bresson, Paul Amar, Isabelle Huppert, André Rousselet, Anny Duperey, Claude Cheysson, Carole Bouquet, Hubert Reeves, Guy Bedos, François Jacob, Yannick Noah, Marie Trintignant.

Directors included: Chantal Akerman, Alain Resnais, René Allio, Denis Amar, Jean Becker, Jane Birkin, Jean-Michel Carré, Alain Corneau, Costa-Gavras, Claire Denis, Raymond Depardon, Jacques Deray, Michel Deville, Martine Franck, Gérard Frot Coutaz, Jean Luc Godard and A.M Mieville, Francis Girod, Bernard Giraudeau, Romain Goupil, Jean-Loup Hubert, Robert Kramer, Patrice Leconte, Sarah Moon, Alain Resnais, Coline Serreau, Nadine Trintignant.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OSCAR WILDE

In honour of the 150th anniversary of the birth of renowned wit Oscar Wilde (2004), 'Happy Birthday Oscar Wilde' featured 150 actors, musicians, and other performers reciting over 150 of Wilde's insightful and often cleverly biting quotes, all to raise money for Amnesty International.

Artists included Helen Baxendale, Stephanie Beecham, Gabriel Byrne, Annie Lennox, Liam Neeson, Joan Rivers, Geoffrey Rush, Bono, Eric Stolz, Stewart Copeland, and Lily Tomlin.

EVERYBODY

A short part-animated, part-live action film for children, produced in 2008 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration Human Rights. It featured animated versions of some illustrations from the book 'We Are All Born Free'.

150 cinemas around the UK screened the three-minute film, which was funded by The Co-operative Bank's 'Customers Who Care' scheme. The film has since been translated by a number of Amnesty International sections to use around the world.

Voices include: Julian Rhind-Tutt, Emilia Fox, Jeremy Irons, Lindsay Duncan, Navin Chowdhry, Amanda Mealing, Jason Flemyng and George Lamb.

<http://www.protectthehuman.com/videos/everybody-2>

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS – RHYMING COUPLETS (2009-2010)

To mark Human Rights Day, Amnesty International joined forces with almost 60 leading artists from across the globe to make a short film of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in rhyming couplets.

Written and directed by Dan Cadan, the film featured a newly reworded version of basic human rights and freedoms. The project aimed to make the declaration even more accessible.

Participants included: Keira Knightley, Jared Leto, Colin Salmon, Cat Deeley, Emilia Fox, Anna Friel, Ray Winstone, Minnie Driver.

THE INVISIBLES (2010)

Mexican and Hollywood actor, Gael García Bernal and producer/director Marc Silver worked with Amnesty International to create 'The Invisibles', four short films documenting the plight of migrants travelling without legal permission through Mexico.

<http://www.youtube.com/invisiblefilms>

DEATH PENALTY

In a screen monologue Jeremy Irons explored the inhumane nature of the death penalty, a punishment that overtly affects the poor and vulnerable.

<http://www.protectthehuman.com/videos/jeremy-irons-on-the-death-penalty-2>

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

A long time supporter of Amnesty International, Patrick Stewart lent his presence to the organizations campaign to stop violence against women:

<http://www.protectthehuman.com/videos/patrick-stewart-on-violence-against-women-2>
<http://www.amnesty.org.uk/content.asp?CategoryID=10633>

The actor talks about his personal experience of domestic violence at the launch of 'Created Equal', a new book on women's rights:

<http://www.protectthehuman.com/videos/patrick-stewart-on-violence-against-women-3>

GAZA CRISIS: ARTISTS SPEAK OUT

Artists voiced their support for Amnesty International's ongoing efforts to secure justice for both Palestinians and Israelis. They made impassioned calls for Israel to lift the blockade on Gaza.

Terry Jones, Thandie Newton, Annie Lennox, Mike Figgis, Terry Jones, Alexei Sayle, Katharine Hamnett and Jason Flemyng.

<http://www.protectthehuman.com/videos/gaza-crisis-3>

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI: HER BURMA

Artists told the story of the Burmese human rights campaigner and now former prisoner of conscience, encouraging people to take action on Aung San Suu Kyi's case.

Fiona Shaw, Bill Nighy, Jimi Mistry, Christopher Eccleston, Colin Salmon, Keira Knightley, Jonathan Pryce, Colin Salmon, Beverley Knight, James Purefoy amongst others

<http://www.protectthehuman.com/videos/aung-san-suu-kyi-her-burma>

MOVIES THAT MATTER FESTIVAL

'The Movies that Matter Festival' took place at the Amnesty International Film Festival. Hosted in the Netherlands, the festival is a fantastic platform for engaged cinema. Each year the festival screens dozens of documentaries and movies from inspirational film makers.

http://www.moviesthatmatterfestival.nl/english_index
<http://www.moviesthatmatterfestival.nl/>

Human rights campaigner and former super model, Bianca Jagger will attend the 2011 Movies that Matter Festival as a judge for its main programme *A Matter of ACT*:

http://www.moviesthatmatterfestival.nl/documenten/documenten_2011/Press_release_Movies_th_at_Matter_Festival_2011.pdf