

# KINSHASA SYMPHONY

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## SYNOPSIS

"Kinshasa Symphony" shows how people living in one of the most chaotic cities and one of the poorest countries in the world have managed to forge one of the most complex systems of human cooperation ever invented: a symphony orchestra. It is a film about the Congo, about the people of Kinshasa and about music. In the fifteen years of its existence, the Orchestre Symphonique Kimbanguiste has survived two violent coups d'état and an ongoing war that has claimed the lives of several million people. For the 200 musicians, interpreting the music of Beethoven and Handel partly on self-made instruments, is self-confirmation, artistic expression and a religious service all in one.

## FESTIVALS

awards among others:

nominated for GermanFilm Award 2011

48. Chicago TV Festival Hugo Award - Golden Hugo

Salem Film Fest 2011 - Jury Award

CMJ Int. Film Festival 2010 NYC - Best Documentary

25. Bozner Filmtage - Best documentary, Audience Award

Les Teules Filantes Pessac, France - Audienceaward

8. Planete Doc, Warsaw, Poland - Chopin's Nose Award

festivals among others:

2010

60th Berlinale SPECIAL

The Look of the Sound Bremen

Visions du Réel, Nyon

Open Doek Film Festival, Turnhout, Belgium

Afrika Filmfestival, Leuven Belgium

25. DOK.fest Munich

Ecrans Noirs, Yaoundé, Kamerun

CONGO 2010, Pour un nouvel élan.... Hervé, Belgium

21. Internationales Filmfest Emden, Norderney, Germany

ROZAR Cinema, Centre for fine arts Brussel

Germany 2010

95 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Current Affairs, Music

CONTENT CATEGORIES

Music video

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, French, Lingala

PREMIERE

Germany (2010)

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