



MONEY, FREEDOM, A HISTORY OF THE CFA FRANC

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SYNOPSIS

1960 marked the end of the colonial empires across the African continent. France disappeared from the map, leaving behind the CFA Franc, a colonial creation, which is the name of the currency that still circulates in almost all of its former territories south of the Sahara. How does it come, those countries, once they regained their freedom, never denounced this strange legacy? The film delves into a little-known story that started in the 19th century and continues to the present time.

FESTIVALS

2022

IDFA

2023

FESPACO – Pan-African Film & TV Festival of Ouagadougou

45 Cinema du Réel, Paris

30 Hot Docs

30 Sheffield DocFest

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Katy Lena Ndiaye · **PRODUCER** Oualid Baha (Tact production), Katy Lena Ndiaye (Indigo Mood), Aurélien Bodineaux (Néon Rouge), Florian Schewe (Film Five GMBH) · **SCORE** Irina Prieto · **SOUND** Ousmane Coly, Lucas Rollin, Romain Cadilhac, Abderrazak Amouzoune · **EDITOR** Simon Arazi · **DOP** Vincent Pinckaers · **NARRATOR** Carole Kareméra

2022

102 min

ORIGINAL TITLE

L'ARGENT, LA LIBERTÉ, UNE HISTOIRE DU FRANC CFA

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Current Affairs, History, Economy, Politics

PREMIERE

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