

# THE EDUCATION OF AUMA OBAMA

by Branwen Okpako



## SYNOPSIS

Branwen Okpako's „The Education of Auma Obama“ is a captivating and intimate portrait of the U.S. president's older half-sister, who embodies a post-colonial, feminist identity.

An academic overachiever, she studied linguistics and contemporary dance in Heidelberg, Germany, before enrolling in film school in Berlin, where she met Nigerian-born director Okpako in the nineties. After living in the United Kingdom for a short period, Auma Obama eventually moved back to Kenya to mentor a young generation of community activists, social workers and other ambitious young men and women who lacked her privileged education and training, but were nonetheless determined to make a positive contribution to their society.

Okpako has always been interested in questions of identity, affiliation and belonging. Although she frames her film as a biographical portrait of Obama, she goes much further, providing a layered historical context and discussions of post-colonial African identity from a...

## FESTIVALS

TiFF- Toronto International Film Festival

AFRIFF- Africa International Film Festival – People's Choice Award

Dubai International Film Festival 2011

Max Ophüls Preis

## CAST AND CREW

**DIRECTOR** Branwen Okpako · **PRODUCER** Katrin Springer, Volker Ullrich · **SOUND** Ulla Kösterke, Jürgen Schönhoff, Patrick Veigel · **EDITOR** Branwen Okpako · **DOP** Kolja Brandt, Marcus Winterbauer, John Podpadec · **COMPOSITING** Ansgar Frerich · **SOUND DESIGN** Kuen-Il Song

Germany 2011

79 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Biographie/Portrait, Family, Human Rights, Migration

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

German, English

### PREMIERE

Germany (2011)

### PRODUCTION COMPANY

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