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ABRILLIANTGENOCIDE

DIRECTED BY EBONY BUTLER

SUMMARY

A BRILLIANT GENOCIDE

FEATURE DOCUMENTARY / 75 MIN / 2016 / AUSTRALIA

DIRECTOR

EBONY BUTLER

EXECUTIVE PRODUCER

JASON BYRNE

PRODUCTION COMPANY

ATLANTIC STAR PRODUCTIONS PTY LTD

SHORT SYNOPSIS

A Brilliant Genocide is a political expose and human rights documentary that details the untold story of suffering and an unrecognized genocide against the Acholi people of northern Uganda by the current Government, under President Yoweri Museveni, who has for decades been staunch ally to the west.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Grave human rights violations in Northern Uganda have gone unnoticed for 30 years because no one spoke out.

A wise man once said that 'there comes a time when silence is betrayal'. That time is now. Please stand with me and demand justice for the Acholi people of Northern Uganda.



WHO'S INVOLVED

EBONY BUTLER

DIRECTOR / PRODUCER / EDITOR

Ebony Butler is a Melbourne based filmmaker and human rights activist. She has a passion for creating films that educate and that have the potential to inspire social and political change. She is also the founder and director of not-for-profit organization 'Bikes 4 Life' which provides vital transport to impoverished and war-ravaged regions in Uganda, Tanzania, Cambodia and other neglected communities around the world.



Ebony has been in the industry for over ten years graduating from Sound Audio Engineering Institute (SAE) in 2007. After film school she established Atlantic Star Productions, a small production company that produced corporate media and short form content. Outside of the corporate video world Ebony maintained involvement with creative productions such as short films, music videos, short documentaries and experimental videography and editing projects.

She has a passion for the arts and enjoys acting and directing but her professional career has been dominated with roles as a camerawoman, producer, editor, or sometimes all three. She has produced; directed and edited at least 15 short films and has plans to test her ability with feature narrative films in the coming years.

In 2008 Ebony was offered a job as a camera operator and video editor in Cambodia with the Australian not-for-profit organisation Be A Hero. It was at that time when her life began to change. The things she witnessed in Cambodia had a serious effect on her and after returning to Australia she immediately got involved with human rights, volunteering and she became quite active with a group working in Africa, who enlightened her about a little known war in Uganda and a warlord named Kony.

In 2016, after seven years of travelling back and forth to Uganda and around the world, filming and researching the war, Ebony completed her debut feature length documentary titled A Brilliant Genocide. The award-winning documentary exposes untold truths of the war in Northern Uganda.

In the foreseeable future Ebony is committed to making media that can make a difference, producing films with strong messages, non-fiction that educates, inspires and can impact social and political change.

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'This is the untold story of how an African dictator has been able to commit mass murder and still get a regular audience at The White House and 10 Downing Street'

A Brilliant Genocide is a political exposé and human rights documentary that details the genocide of the Acholi people of northern Uganda that began some 30 years ago. Until now, this tragedy has been unrecognised and the story untold.

Under the guise of crushing a rebellion by Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), the brutal Museveni regime is accused of attempting to wipe out the Northern Ugandan Acholi people. The film lays bare the atrocities committed by Museveni's army against the Acholi since 1986 when he seized power and includes interviews with survivors of unimaginably ferocious torture and wholesale murder. Victims share their experiences of repression, humiliation and deprivation with astonishing candour.

A Brilliant Genocide examines the real, yet hidden, history of the Ugandan regime and is a powerful counterpoint to Kony 2012, a viral video sensation with over 100 millions views. That video brought worldwide awareness to the crimes committed by the Lord's Resistance Army under rebel leader Joseph Kony, now Africa's most wanted man, but what it failed to show was the horror being perpetrated on the other side of the conflict.

The film demonstrates how the Museveni regime has used Kony as a straw man, enabling the Ugandan government to further

establish its control over Northern Uganda and garner international support in spite of a concerted effort to wipe out an entire ethnic group.

Utilising a substantial range of interviews from prominent Ugandan thinkers, opposition figures, activists, exiles and émigrés, *A Brilliant Genocide* presents an unmatched and revealing view of Uganda's recent history, the crimes perpetrated by a Government on its own people, and what it all means for the rest of the world.



FILM FESTIVALS

* FESTIVALS BETWEEN MARCH 2016 AND MAY 2016 ONLY



KEY PLAYERS



BILLY GRAHAM

Kony's childhood friend
MP for Odek - Kony's hometown



REV. MACLEORD BAKER OCHOLA II

Founder of Acholi Religious
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VINCENT MAGOMBE

Free Uganda Press Secretary (UK)



GENERAL DAVID SEJUSA

Former top military General,
currently in prison



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Former UN Under Secretary General
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/ Current President of the UPC
(Ugandan Peoples Congress)



DR KIZZA BESIGYE

Presidential Candidate of FDC
(Forum for Democratic Change)
A.K.A The People's President



YOWERI MUSEVENI

President of Uganda
1986 - Present



MILTON ALLIMADI

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