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# BATTLE OF BLOOD

THE LEGEND OF ARHUANRAN

DIRECTED BY OGHENEFEGO OFILI DOP AKINLOYE AKINYEMI  
SOUND DESIGN/ FILM SCORE ROSELINE CHIDUBE NARRATOR BIMBO OLOYEDE  
A TEO-INSPIRO PRODUCTION

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## FILM SYNOPSIS

This story takes us back to a pivotal time in the history of the Benin Kingdom, a period marked by the reign of powerful warrior Obas (kings). These great rulers led conquests, expanding the kingdom into a formidable empire that reached far and wide. During this time, the Benin Kingdom engaged in extensive trade with Europeans, solidifying its influence and wealth. At the heart of this story lies one of the kingdom's most legendary rivalries—a conflict between two Benin princes and the two largest towns in the kingdom. This rivalry traces its origins to a moment of betrayal when a newly born child, destined to inherit the throne, was unjustly stripped of his birthright to rule. This documentary delves deep into the tale, exploring both the historical and archaeological significance of these events. Through interviews with key stakeholders in the Benin Kingdom, we uncover the legacy of this rivalry and its impact on the kingdom's history. We visit the original location of the infamous 'Battle of Blood,' where this conflict reached its peak, and explore other significant sites that provide insight into this monumental chapter of Benin's past. Combining oral history, expert analysis, and archaeological findings, this documentary sheds light on the rich heritage, political struggles, and cultural legacy of the Benin Kingdom, a civilization renowned for its strength, artistry, and resilience.

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## OGHENEFEGO OFILI

**Director, Producer and Writer**



Oghenefego Ofili is a Nigerian documentary filmmaker driven by a passion for preserving Africa's rich history and showcasing the continent's beauty and resilience through storytelling. Her fascination with storytelling began at the age of 10, when she would write short stories and create sketches of her characters.

This early interest has blossomed into a successful career. Oghenefego's documentary work has garnered notable recognition. In 2018, her documentary was nominated for Best Documentary at the prestigious Africa Magic Viewers' Choice Awards (AMVCA). Another documentary film of hers won the Outstanding Documentary Award at the Abuja International Film Festival in 2023. Through her daily work, Oghenefego strives to change the narrative about Africa and empower children and young people with knowledge that helps them understand their identity and heritage.

## BIMBO OLOYEDE

**Narrator**

Mrs. Bimbo Oloyede is a distinguished and award-winning broadcast journalist, public speaker, communications coach, social activist, and author. Notably, she was a prominent newscaster on NTA Network News from 1976 to 1980. A trailblazer in her field, Bimbo Oloyede holds the distinction of being Nigeria's first female network broadcaster.



Mrs. Bimbo Oloyede is the CEO/Lead Consultant at Strictly Speaking and for the last 25 years, has trained and coached various clients in elocution, public speaking and communication skills. In March 2024, to commemorate her 70th birthday, she established a 100-million-naira cancer fund to raise funds for cancer research and to purchase accessories for the treatment of cancer patients in public hospitals.

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## BABA CLIFF

**Chief in Battle of Blood**



Baba Cliff Igbinovia is a distinguished Nigerian actor whose career in theatre and film spans over four decades. He has made significant contributions to the Nigerian entertainment industry, particularly in Nollywood, where his performances have garnered admiration from audiences and peers alike. Beyond his acting career, Baba Cliff is known for mentoring emerging talents in the industry, sharing his

wealth of experience to nurture the next generation of actors. His dedication to the craft and his role in promoting Nigerian theatre and cinema have solidified his status as a respected figure in the arts community.

## VINCENT DIAKPOMERE

**Oba Ozolua in Battle of Blood**

Vincent Oghenevweta Diakpomere is a distinguished Nigerian academic and theatre practitioner, renowned for his extensive contributions to the field of Theatre Arts. He serves as a professor at the University of Benin in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, where he specializes in Theatre Arts.



Throughout his career, Professor Diakpomere has focused on various aspects of theatre, including management, culture, and tourism. His research often explores the intersection of theatre management and socio-economic development in Nigeria. Notably, he co-authored a publication titled "Theatre Management and Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria: Revisiting the Narrative," which examines how effective theatre management can contribute to poverty alleviation in the country. In addition to his academic endeavors, Professor Diakpomere has been involved in practical theatre production, contributing to the growth and development of Nigerian theatre. His work emphasizes the importance of harmonizing artistic creativity with business acumen to ensure the sustainability and success of theatrical productions.

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## AKINLOYE AKINYEMI

**Director of Photography**



Akinloye Akinyemi is an award-winning cinematographer with over nine years of industry experience. His impressive portfolio includes directing photography for films like "The Games Night," "ALA," "Makemation," and "AJA." Akinloye has also worked as a second camera operator on major global productions, such as "Crime and Justice Nigeria" on Showmax and the award-winning thriller "The Black Book,"

which topped Netflix streaming charts in several countries. Additionally, he contributed to the recently concluded Hollywood-Nollywood action thriller, "Son of the Soil."

Akinloye's visual approach is characterized by excellence and meticulous attention to detail. He strives to elevate the quality of filmmaking, one project at a time.

## ANWULI ROSELINE

**Sound Designer**

Anwuli Roseline is a multifaceted creative professional, exceling as a music producer, songwriter, composer, sound designer, pianist, scriptwriter, and music teacher.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theatre Arts from the University of Benin, a Diploma in Music Production from Tenstrings Music Institute, and a Certificate in Vocal Recording Technology from BerkleeX.

Anwuli has collaborated with several emerging artists in the music and film industries, showcasing her versatility and expertise.



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## BENIN CHORALE SOCIETY & PHILHARMONIC NIGERIA (BCS)

Traditional Song Producer



Founded in 2012, the Benin Chorale Society & Philharmonic Nigeria (BCS) stands as a distinguished choral and orchestral ensemble based in Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria. With an unwavering commitment to musical excellence and cultural enrichment, BCS has become a cornerstone of Nigeria's classical music

Under the leadership of its Executive Director, Mr Otamere Osarodion Emmanuel, BCS unites talented musicians to deliver transformative performances that span classical, contemporary, and African genres. The society is renowned for its captivating renditions of masterworks by celebrated composers, alongside original arrangements that celebrate Nigeria's rich musical heritage.

## KEY FACTS

GENRE SUBCATEGORIES	Documentary, drama, history
TOTAL RUNNING TIME	68 minutes
PRODUCTION COMPANY	Teo-Inspiro Studios
PRODUCTION LOCATION	Various Locations in Edo State
ASPECT RATIO	16:9
AUDIO FORMAT	5.1

LENGTH	Feature-length
ORIGINAL LANGUAGE	English
PRODUCTION YEAR	2024
EXHIBITION FORMATS	Digital Projection (DCP) & MP4
LANGUAGES	English/ Bini
SUBTITLES	English

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