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LOVE JACKED

South Africa Premiere at the 39th Durban International Film Festival (DIFF) & Special Co-Production Panel Discussion at Durban Film Mart (DFM)

TORONTO & DURBAN (July, 20 2018) -- Inner City Films (Canada) and Spier Films (South Africa) are proud to announce the South Africa premiere of their latest film, **LOVE JACKED** at the **DIFF (Durban International Film Festival)** screening Saturday, July 21st, 8PM at Cinecentre Theatre.

Industry reception starts at 7pm with screening to follow at 8pm. In addition to the screening DFM Industry Delegates are invited to Panel will take place Saturday, July 21st, 10am to 12.

LOVE JACKED is the story of Maya, a young headstrong African American woman, who has dreams of becoming an artist, but is stuck running the family hardware store for her overbearing father. When she asserts her independence by traveling to South Africa for creative inspiration, she returns with a fiancé who is not quite what he seems.

LOVE JACKED is a sophisticated romantic comedy directed by award-winning director **Alfons Adetuyi**, this latest work is a timely, wonderful family story that appeals to audiences of all ages. Written by Robert Adetuyi, writer of **Stomp The Yard** success and shot by Academy™ award-winning cinematographer Lance Gewer, **LOVE JACKED** features an *incredible ensemble cast*, including Amber Stevens-West (22 Jump St, Carmichael Show), Shamier Anderson (Race, Wynonna Earp), Lyriq Bent (Netflix's She Gotta Have It), Keith David (Greenleaf), Mike Epps (Hangover, Resident Evil) and Marla Gibbs (Jeffersons), Angela Gibbs (American Crime Story, Straight Outta Compton), Demetrius Grosse (13 Hours, Straight Outta Compton) and Nicole Lyn (West Wing).

Inner City Films and Spier Films are excited about this collaborative feature making its World Premiere at the 39th annual Durban International Film Festival. **LOVE JACKED** is an **official treaty coproduction between Canada and South Africa** with funding provided by Media Productions 2C, Telefilm Canada and the Department of Trade and Industry South Africa, and support from the National Film and Video Foundation South Africa. It was filmed on location in Ontario, Canada and Cape Town, South Africa.



"Most of my work in the past has dealt with quite serious topics such as Aids (Survivors), South African medicine (Jozi-H), Apartheid (Ehkaya aka Molofish) and Gambling addiction, (High Chicago). Love Jacked is my opportunity to laugh a little and present a traditional Yoruba love story in the style of a North American romantic comedy."

- Alfons Adetuyi, Director

Guess Who is Coming To DIFF & DFM ...

LOVE JACKED director **Alfons Adetuyi**, producer **Michael Auret** will be in attendance for the screening and Q & A. As well as part of a special industry panel at the Durban Film Mart, July 21, 10am - Noon:

Co-Productions Treaties - Treat or Trifle?

South Africa has entered into a number of co-production treaties over the years and this panel sets to reflect on the successes, challenges and proposes some areas worth addressing in order to better support filmmakers through co-productions whilst offering tips on how other filmmakers can access and exploit opportune presented by co-productions.

ABOUT ALFONS ADETUYI - An award-winning director of tv and documentary **LOVE JACKED** is his first comedy feature. Alfons has received a Gemini Award for **SKIN DEEP**; a Cinéma Tout Ecran Award, Best New Series for **EKHAYA: A FAMILY CHRONICLE** (aka **MOLO FISH** in South Africa); a Golden Sheaf Award, Best Drama, Yorkton Film Festival and a First Place Chris Award, Columbus International Film Festival for his directorial debut **SURVIVORS**, official selection at TIFF; and Best Documentary Film, MIAAC 2010 Festival, New York for **GANESH, BOY WONDER**. He also received a Gemini nomination for Best Drama Series for **JOZI H**, a 13 x1 hour medical drama shot in South Africa.

ABOUT INNER CITY FILMS (ICF) An independent television and film production company headquartered in Toronto, Canada. The company specializes in international co-productions and initiated the first official Canada/South African co-production. Guided by over 20 years of experience, ICF develops and produces contemporary, innovative, groundbreaking productions for theatrical and television markets that attract major broadcasters and distributors in Canada, the U.S. and internationally. ICF productions have sold throughout the world to more than 60 countries. The company's outstanding reputation for high-quality, award winning productions continually garners internationally recognizable talent and strong business partners.

ABOUT SPIER FILMS An award-winning production and finance company, Spier Films, a partnership formed with companies including at least six of the top South African insurance companies, two food franchises in 30 countries, a wine estate, hotel and conference center and luxury lodges throughout Africa and India. Spier Films creates and supports films of both critical and commercial success and work often with highly respected international producers in a servicing and co-production capacity while remaining dedicated to fostering South African talent.

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<https://www.durbanfilmfest.co.za/>

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<http://www.durbanfilmmart.co.za/The-Programme>

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Alfons Adetuyi, Director

Michael Auret, Producer

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