

THE CITIZEN, A Poignant and Rigorous Portrait of 21st Century Immigration, Opens Friday July 6 at Metrograph

A culturally biased citizenship exam promises to be the undoing of African immigrant Wilson (Cake-Baly, who brings breathtaking grace and nuance to the role).

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A Poignant and Rigorous Portrait of 21st Century Immigration
2017/109 mins/Color/DCP
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THE CITIZEN is a "poignant drama" - Chicago Reader

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In the midst of the current refugee crisis and Hungary's role in it, THE CITIZEN is more than brave to touch upon this issue that both divides and dominates the current European landscape of politics.”

ANNA BATORI - *East European Film Bulletin*

Beginning Friday July 6, Metrograph will present the exclusive NY theatrical run of The Citizen. The story follows Wilson, a political refugee from Guinea Bissau, as he attempts to find his place in Hungarian society. He decides to acquire the Hungarian citizenship and meets history teacher Mary. Their interaction takes an unexpected turn...a situation further complicated by his paternal feelings for a fellow immigrant.

At a time of ethno-nationalist rhetoric and refugee crisis headlines, Hungarian director Roland Vranik's deft, tender third feature, offers an austere powerhouse work using mostly nonprofessional performers. The Citizen is palpably connected to the most morally serious tradition of European cinema—the screenplay is co-written by the legendary Iván

Szabo—while the movie's combination of rigor and compassion beg comparison to Fassbinder's Ali: Fear Eats the Soul.

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First-time actor Cake-Baly, who brings breathtaking grace and nuance to the role

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