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The African Desperate arrives on MUBI

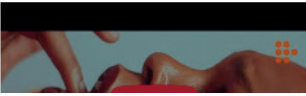
If you've ever run screaming from a performatively shocking art installation or cringed at pretentious art school speak you'll get a kick out of [The African Desperate](#). The acclaimed debut from artist Marlene Syma, it's a wickedly funny send-up of the New York art scene and it's now streaming exclusively on MUBI.

The film tracks one very long day in the life of Palace Bryant (Diamond Slingby), a newly-minted MFA grad whose final 24 hours in art school become a real life. Palace is a Black visual artist on the rise, and her success has robbed some people up the wrong way. In protest, she vows to not attend her graduation party, even though she has promised to DJ it.

Channeling gonzo cinema and 1990s teen movies, the film follows Palace as she goes on a hazy, hilarious, and hallucinatory night-long odyssey, stumbling from academic critiques to backstage hookups.


Syma brings the razor-sharp satire and vivid aesthetic of her art practice to this visually inventive coming-of-age comedy, which notoriously tracks the microaggressions and social dynamics that anyone familiar with the art world will recognise.

[The African Desperate](#) is streaming on MUBI now. Keep reading to find out how to get 30 days of MUBI for free!



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Women's Safety in Edinburgh: Make your voice heard



We're working with Edinburgh's Women's Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership to raise awareness of their consultations on women's safety in public places.

They're asking you to **fill in an online survey** to answer the questions: what makes you feel safe or unsafe when out and about?

All around the world, there's an urgent need to have conversations about women's safety in public – and to act. While challenging and changing how some people behave is needed, part of the answer lies also in the design of our streets, the places we go and how our city develops.

Following on from the many and recent high-profile cases of violence against women, Edinburgh's Women's Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership wants everyone's views on what makes you feel safe or unsafe when out and about in public spaces.

The partnership includes the City of Edinburgh Council, Police Scotland and other organisations that can influence how our city is developed and how we can make it safer for everyone.

As the residents of our city well into the future, we really want to hear from younger people and students – when do you feel safe or unsafe, and why? What do you think makes some areas and places feel safe or unsafe? What do you do to help make you feel safe?

While we're focusing mainly on the safety of women and girls, we want to hear from anyone who lives in or visits the Edinburgh area. We recognise that making spaces safer for women, makes them safer for everyone.

Your responses will help us to develop and improve public spaces in future, across the whole of the Edinburgh area. This includes how streets and pathways are designed as well as the layout of parks and shopping areas and much more.

Give us your views online by 28 September. Head to [edinburgh.gov.uk/safesafe](#) to have your voice heard.



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