

The Absence

Indian
Premiere 

L'Absence

Senegal-France/2009/35mm/Colour/82'/Uolof-French

Screenplay, Direction: Mama Keïta

Producer: Kinterfin, Mama Keïta

Cinematography: Remi Mazet

Editing: Miriame Chamekh

Sound: Bertrand Faure

Cast: William Nadylam, Ibrahim Mbaye, Jackie Tavernier, Mame Ndoumbé Diop, Mouss Diouf, Ismaël Thiam, Omar Seck

Summoned by an urgent message, Adama returns home to Senegal after an absence of fifteen years, only to find that it was a stratagem by his deaf and dumb sister Aicha to get him to come home. Aicha and the grandmother, their only relative, were thrilled at his arrival. But to their disappointment, Adama wants to go back to France immediately. One day, when he discovers that Aicha is a hooker entangled in a gangster life, he attacks her very violently. But he soon goes after the gang leader with grim consequences. Assisted by his best friend, who forces him to open his eyes to the social condition of the country and the family he abandoned, Adama must decide whether to become part of the solution.