

Jerusalema

South Africa/ 2008/Colour/120'/English

Direction: Ralph Ziman

Producers: Tendeka Matatu, Ralph Ziman

Cinematography: Nicolas Hofmeyer

Editing: David Helfland

Music: Alan Lazar

Cast: Rapulana Seiphemo, Ronnie Nyakale, Robert Hobbs, Shelley Meskin, Daniel Buckland, Kenneth Nkosi, Jafta Mamabolo.

Awards/Festival

Panorama Berlin Film Festival



The advent of democracy in South Africa brought with it great hopes but also gave rise to violence, chaos and anarchy. Inspired by a real story, the film chronicles the rise to power of Lucky Kunene, a self made millionaire from the slums of Soweto, and explores how crime has come to pay in the new South Africa. Lucky, a petty gangster in the suburbs mixes business and social action with the help of the local criminals and becomes one of the wealthiest men in Johannesburg. Half Robin Hood and half scoundrel, Lucky uses his Hillbrow People Housing Trust, to amass wealth in the name of the poor in the rundown neighbourhood of Hillbrow.