

Moloch Tropical

United States/ 2009/105'/Color/English, French

Direction: Raoul Peck

Producer: Raoul Peck

Screenplay: Jean-Rene Lemoine, Raoul Peck

Cinematography: Eric Guichard

Music: Alexei A

Cast: Zinedine Soualem, Sonia Rolland, Mirelle Metellus,
Nicole Dogue, Jimmy Jean-Louis

Awards / Festivals

Toronto International Film Festival

A look at the final moments of a ruler in Haiti as a violent revolution erupts around him. The President rules, like an imperial despot, from a massive castle on top of mountain, built by the colonial regime, obsessed with power and television, and his beautiful maid. Dissidents are tortured and jailed and often invited to royal dinner before the glare of television cameras. One such dissenting journalist is dressed up and brought to dinner for which the President arranges a visit by international diplomats, insisting that he needs a white face in the picture to give his rule legitimacy. Raoul Peck, who also once served as Haiti's Minister of Culture, tucks a searing critique of absolute power in this masterfully crafted film.