

PRESS RELEASE



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0151: Liverpool, Rap & Politics



A SHORT DOCUMENTARY PIECING TOGETHER LIVERPOOL'S POLITICAL HISTORY THROUGH THE CITY'S BEST STORYTELLERS: ITS RAPPERS.

Vimeo Link: <https://vimeo.com/686414509>

Running time: 19:48 minutes

Year: 2022

Format: Digital Full HD

Directed by Amber Akaunu, this short documentary pieces together the political history of Liverpool, a city with the UK's oldest Black community. The film brings together two generations of rappers: Kevin Philemon and MC Nelson. Their Nigerian heritage, South Liverpool upbringing and love of conscious rap unite them.

Liverpool has a long turbulent political history that has led the city to endure high unemployment, negative media targeting, and uprisings. This short documentary explores how the city's rappers, from the 1980s up until today, have used their music as a form of radical expression. Music has always been the backdrop to change and it's no different here in the 0151.

Personal, creative and real. The film uses archive and music to bring to life a lesser known history.

Quotes

"To celebrate turning 15, we launched our 15k for 15 years competition, giving a fund of £15,000 to a talented filmmaker under 25 to make a film that matters to them. The winner is filmmaker and artist Amber Akaunu who wanted to make a film about the story of the oldest Black community in Europe in her hometown of Liverpool, through the lens of rap. It has been a joy for our team to work with Amber and help make her brilliant film *0151: Liverpool, Rap & Politics*" – **Shoot the Company**

"I've always been an admirer of rap and its ability to tell stories. Kevin Philemon is my father's best friend and an uncle figure in my life, so growing up I had heard little bits of information from family

members about his hip-hop career and record shop. I wanted to find out more about my uncle, and the pioneers of Liverpool rap and particularly how they responded to the political upheavals in Liverpool during the 80s and 90s.” - **Amber Akaunu**

Cast

Nelson Idama (MC Nelson)
Kevin Philemon (K-Delight)
Mervyn Lynch (DJ2Kind)
Chañtelle Lunt

Crew

Director/Producer: Amber Akaunu
Producer: Anna McNutt
DoP: Ben Hale
Sound Recordist: Chris Lawton
Editor: Sera Kate Sakarya
Music: MC Nelson
Executive Producer: Henry Wilks
Creative Producer: Sav Caranicola
Production Executive: Sara Butler
Camera Assistant: Connor Griffin
Runner: Lydia Gordon
Production Manager: Roz Gillman

About the director

Amber Akaunu is a Liverpool born Nigerian-German filmmaker working in cinema, art and TV to document and explore Black culture, identity, and history. Amber is a 2020 BAFTA scholar and MA Documentary Film graduate who is currently based in South London.

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About Shoot the Company

Established in 2006, Shoot the Company is an award-winning, London-based film production agency with a global reach. With people at the heart, we create beautiful films with powerful messages that engage, entertain, and educate audiences across the world, with a particular passion for sport, sustainability, food, and farming.

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