



BIOGRAPHY

Ekwa Msangi
Director

Ekwa's award-winning and critically acclaimed feature film "Farewell Amor" premiered in competition at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival, garnering 98% on Rotten Tomatoes. The film won the Sundance Amazon Producer's Award, and NYWIFT Directing Award amongst other distinctions, and was bought for distribution by IFC Films for North America, MUBI and Netflix for Worldwide. Previous to that, Ekwa has written & directed several shorts, including award-winning comedy "Soko Sonko" (The Market King), and "Farewell Meu Amor" starring Tony Award nominee Sahr Ngauja, and Nana Mensah. For "Farewell Amor" Ekwa was awarded the NYWIFT Director's Award, the 2020 Durban International Film Festival award from Best Screenplay, and the 2021 Indie Spirit "Someone To Watch" Award. Recent awards include 2020 Sundance Momentum Fellow, 2020 BAFTA Breakthrough, 2022 USA Artist Fellow, and 2022-2024 ReFrame Rise Director. One of Ekwa's key goals as an artist is to transform our society's images and relationships with African cultures, and to empower African filmmakers in telling their stories.