

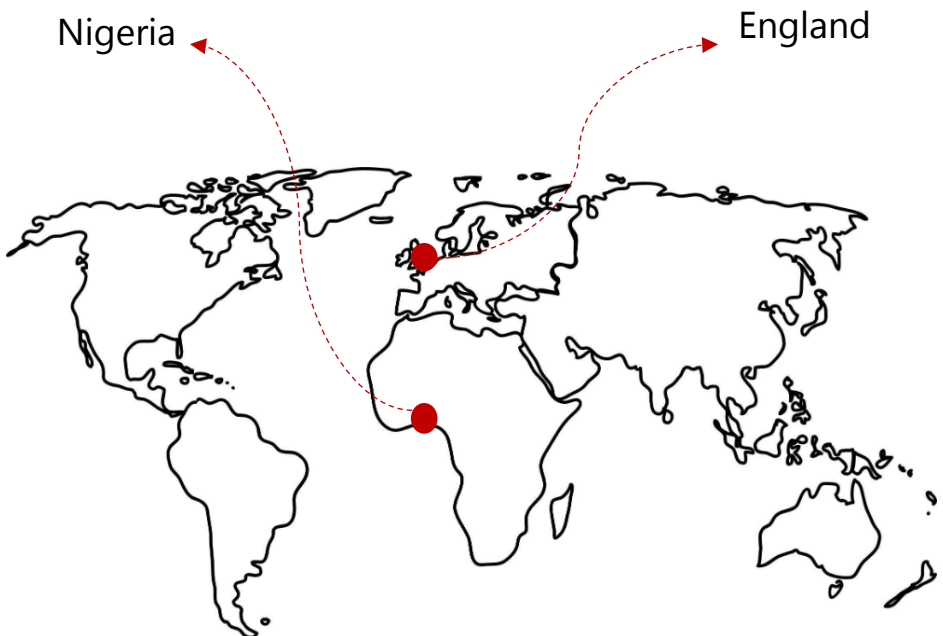
AYO AKINGBADE

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Ayo Akingbade is a London based artist, writer and director.

Ayo studied at London College of Communication and Royal Academy Schools.

Some of the key themes in Ayo's work are history, heritage, legacy and her ancestral home, Nigeria.





THE FIST


The Fist is set in a Guinness factory in Lagos.

Nigeria is where Ayo's parents were born. She is interested in her own links to the country.

Whilst watching the film, we can look and think about the workers routines in the factory.


It opened in 1962 and was the first Guinness factory outside of Ireland.

The film shows us the relationship between the factory and its workers as well as everyday routines and how the beverage is made.




Faluyi is a coming of age story of a young girl who suffers the tragic loss of her dad.

It is set in Idanre.




Faluyi is a name associated with the Ifá faith.

FALUYI



Ayo is exploring her own family history through the story of the main character and the landscape.



Mysticism, grief, renewal, rebirth and legacy are some of the themes in this film.

A is for Artist starts with a young woman making her way around an apartment.



This story is about the woman finding her place in the world.



Shots of everyday routines are mixed in with images belonging to her father.



The film allows us to look at the future of the main character as well as looking at the past, and where she came from.



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Key words



Observation – closely looking at someone or something

Routine – a sequence of regular actions

Heritage – something handed down from someone

Machinery – the objects that make up a machine

Social Structures – relationships of society

Political Structures – relationships of institutions or organisations

Efficiency – method to avoid waste, energy or effort

Familial history – the relationships and record of previous family members

Colonialism – control by one power over an area or people

Legacy – the long lasting impact of an event or action

Power – the ability to direct or influence the behaviour of others

Nigeria – a country in West Africa

Ifá – a belief system held in some parts of West Africa

Lagos – the largest city in Nigeria and Africa

Idanre – a town in Nigeria, North East of Lagos