



Centenary Tribute

Country : Senegal

Xala

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1975 / Colour / 123 minutes / Wolof



Director : Ousmane Sembene

Producer : Filmi Domireve SNC

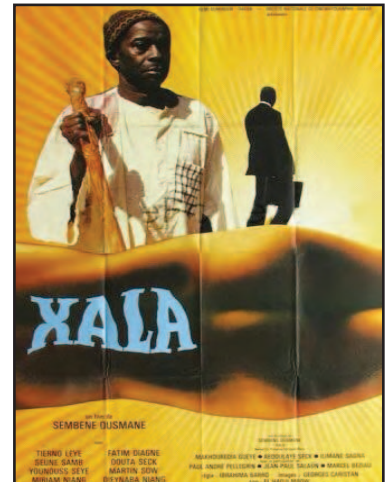
Cinematographer : Georges Caristan Orlando, L. Lopez Seydina D. Saye, Farba Seck

Editor : Florence Eymon

Music : Samba Diabara Samb

Cast : El Hadji Abdoukader Beye, Adja Awa Astou, Oumi Ndoye

Synopsis : An adaptation of Ousmane Sembene's own 1973 novel, *Xala* offers a hilarious, caustic satire of political corruption under an inept patriarchy. On the night of his wedding to a third bride, government official El Hadji Abdoukader Beye (Thierno Leye) is rendered impotent. After suspecting that one of his other wives has placed a curse (xala) on him, and after enlisting a local marabout for a cure, El Hadji must face the possibility that he deserves the infliction for his part in the embezzlement of public funds and for helping to keep Senegal in French hands.



Director Speaks

“Xala is a kind of allegory, or more precisely, a fable.”