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5 Must-See Films From the American Black Film Festival

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Nearly 3,000 directors, producers, writers, actors, burgeoning filmmakers and lovers of cinema converged on South Beach, Miami to take part in the 14th Annual American Black Film Festival (ABFF). During the four-day event, festival goers got a sneak peek at some of the best black independent films in the nation. Here are the top five must-see films from the ABFF. -a.r.

Legacy: Starring Idris Elba and directed by Thomas Ikimi, *Legacy* takes an in-depth look at the psychological effects of war. Elba stars as a black operations soldier

who returns home and must deal with the trauma of being in combat.

The Inheritance: Starring Darrin Dewitt Henson and Golden Brooks and directed by Robert O'Hara, *The Inheritance* focuses on a family who gathers for a secret family reunion that eventually turns deadly.

Everyday Blackman: Starring Omari Hardwick and directed by Carmen Madden, *Everyday Blackman* shows how power in the wrong hands can destroy a community until one man decides to take a violent stand.

Suicide Dolls: Directed by Keith Shaw and starring Christy Romano and LaQuita Cleare, *Suicide Dolls* reveals how teen angst can lead to unfocused decisions. Two close friends decided to commit suicide and film the last 24 hours of their lives.

ConSensual: Director Paul Hannah takes on the challenge of questioning if sex is always consensual between a married couple. In *ConSensual*, Terrence (Siaka Massaquoi) stars as a married man who is accused of rape by his wife (Keena Ferguson).

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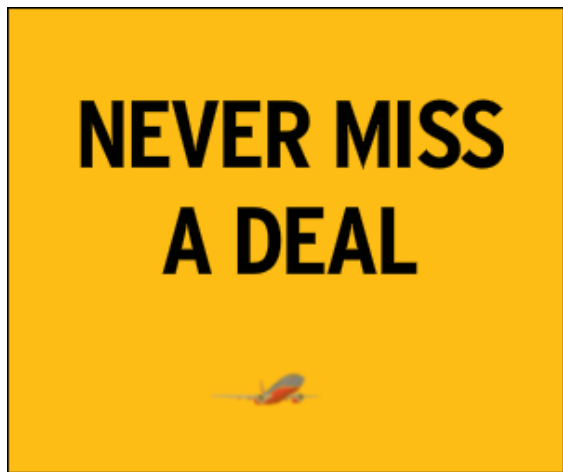
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