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La Pirogue
(THE PIROGUE)
2012 / 87 min.
Directed by Moussa Touré
A group of African men leave Senegal in a pirogue captained by a local fisherman to undertake the treacherous crossing of the Atlantic to Spain where they believe better lives and prospects are waiting for them.

Le Bonheur d’Elza
(Elza)
2011 / 78 min.
Directed by Mariette Monpierre
A young Parisian woman of Caribbean descent returns to her native island of Guadeloupe looking for the father she has never known.

Berlin 1885:
La ruée sur l’Afrique
(Berlin 1885: The Division of Africa)
2011 / 84 min.
Directed by Joël Calmettes
On Feb. 26, 1885, the “Berlin Conference on Africa” came to a successful conclusion. After three months of negotiations among the leading diplomats from all the major European powers (and the U.S.), the “General Act of the Berlin Conference” had been agreed and a large part of Africa’s subsequent fate had been set in motion... colonization of Africa and the exploitation of Africa’s resources.

L’Exercice de l’état
(The Minister)
2011 / 115 min.
Directed by Pierre Schoeller
A married couple is faced with a difficult decision - to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or to stay in Iran.

De Rouille et d’os
(Rust and Bone)
2012 / 120 min.
Directed by Jacques Audiard
Put in charge of his young son, Alain leaves Belgium for Antibes to live with his sister and her husband as a family. Alain’s bond with Stephanie, a killer whale trainer, grows deeper after Stephanie suffers a horrible accident.