Commemoration of the 25th Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda & 2019-2020 Collective Homage Je suis debout | I'm standing upright

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Je suis debout | I'm standing upright
April 2019 UWM Commemoration
1994 Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda
COMMEMORATION
25th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide

Please join us for

a collective homage
To stand together with dignity
Honor the victims and survivors
And re-affirm our humanity

a discussion
about how understanding the warning signs of genocide
can prevent human rights atrocities in the world today

with Carine Kaneza Nantulya
Human Rights Watch Africa Advocacy Director, former transitional justice
and conflict resolution practitioner in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda,
Sierra Leone, South Africa, and elsewhere

a film screening

Sometimes in April, director Raoul Peck (2005)
about the 1994 genocide in Rwanda that claimed the lives of over 800 000 people in just 100 days

April 8th, 2019 - UWM Curtin Hall 175 – 3243 N. Downer Ave., Milwaukee
5:00 pm Open doors
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Homage & Discussion
6:30 pm – 7 pm Light refreshments & “Standing Upright” a global solidarity project
7 pm - 9:30 pm Film

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Mourning: dissenting voices amid the adulation
COMMEMORATION
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Monday April 8, 2019

PROGRAM

5:00 pm - Musical Excerpts from Rwanda 94 – Garrett List
   “La Veillée/The Vigil” [part. 1 & 2] - Ingoma drums & Ibyivugo, Amararo
   “Wagiyehe Mana y’Rwanda” - text & melody: Jean-Marie Muyango, arrangement: Garrett List

5:30 pm - Homage
   Opening

   Hope Anthem, Gaël Faye with Shanel & Samuel Kamanzi

   Les hommes debout || The upright men - April 2019, “Je suis ta mère / I am your mother…”
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   “THE SECOND RETURN” - Véronique Tadjo, L’ombre d’Imana. Voyages jusqu’au bout du Rwanda/The Shadow of Imana. Travels in the Heart of Rwanda, from the project RWANDA: ÉCRIRE PAR DEVOIR DE MÉMOIRE

   “La litanie des questions/The litany of questions” Rwanda 94 – melody: J.-M. Muyango, music: Garrett List

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   DISCUSSION AND Q&A
   Carine Kaneza Nantulya, Human Rights Watch Africa Advocacy Director

   UNDERSTANDING THE WARNING SIGNS OF GENOCIDE
   IN THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ATROCITIES IN THE WORLD TODAY

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   Lighting of Candles – Hope Anthem, Gaël Faye with Samuel Kamanzi

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   6:30 pm - Participative Global Solidarity Photo-Project - I’m standing upright | Je suis debout
   Les hommes debout || The upright men Collective – Gaël Faye & Bruce Clarke

   ~~ Light refreshments ~~

   7:00 pm - Film screening Sometimes in April (2005)
   Director Raoul Peck
April 8, 2019 - Commemoration
25th anniversary of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda

Welcome everyone— bienvenue à tous et à toutes

April 2019 marks the 25th anniversary of the genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda that started on April 7, 1994.

The genocide of the Tutsi of Rwanda is a crime against humanity. As such, it concerns us all. It is part of our History, a part of each and every one of us.

During this year’s commemoration here in Milwaukee, we stand with the Project of the Upright Men Collective and pay homage to the victims and survivors to remember the tragedy, to fight against oblivion, to give presence to the women, men and children who disappeared during the 100 days of the genocide, giving human dignity to each human being who confronted the crime of all crimes: the denial of the right of existence of an entire human group.

Commemorations seek to counter amnesia and bring awareness that genocides can still happen, can happen again.

Today we are fortunate to have Carine Kaneza Nantulya among us. She is currently Human Rights Watch - Africa Advocacy Director and she graciously accepted our invitation to return to UWM to speak about understanding the warning signs of genocide in preventing human rights atrocities in the world today.

With us also, through their songs, texts, films and paintings are:
– Franco-Rwandan Rapper and Author - Gaël Faye who, like Carine, grew up in Burundi living through the first years of a civil war that still continues there along ever-more menacing lines, witnessing the foreboding signs of the Rwandan genocide of the Tutsi, and then registering its devastating unfolding and consequences.

– Véronique Tadjo, a Franco-Ivorian artist, poet and writer, who participated in the FestAfrica project: Rwanda: Écrire par devoir de mémoire – Rwanda Writing out of Duty to Memory

– and the Haitian film director, Raoul Peck who, as the UWM Distinguished Lecture Series Speaker in 2018, spoke about James Baldwin and the racism that his film I Am Not Your Negro portrayed.

His film Sometimes in April which shows here at 7pm joins Bruce Clarke’s work. This South African artist who participated in the struggle to end apartheid, is with us with his larger than life paintings affirming that art is against forgetting, art stops the eyes of the world from looking elsewhere, art creates a bridge of solidarity between the victims and the world.

Today Bruce Clarke and Gaël Faye are in Rwanda and these Upright Persons are hanging there at
the sites of the massacres creating a symbolic bridge between Milwaukee and the Tutsi of Rwanda, victims and survivors. The silhouettes give contours to these women, these children, these men standing upright, and they restore their individuality and their humanity.

Let us open our homage with Gaël Faye in concert singing his *Hope Anthem* with Bruce Clarke’s portraits hanging on stage, accompanied with Rwandan traditional dance and music.

_Hope Anthem_
_in concert with Shanel & Samuel Kamanzi_
_Hommes debout – 28 juillet 2014_

Stream Hope Anthem (in concert) video
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HOPE ANTHEM - Gaël Faye

L'Afrique, je l'ai en moi et je chante pour sa mémoire
Je suis humain, ni métisse, ni blanc, ni noir
Le Rwanda, je le pleure chaque 7 avril
Même si Hubert Védrine n'est pas de notre avis
Au fait vous savez, je suis franco-rwandais
Et une partie d moi-même a tué l'autre sans m'en demander
Je veux être en paix avec moi-même, et cela à tout prix

Ihorere Rwanda
Ihorere Rwanda
Amarira warize arahagije

Refrain - Jali

Les mots comme des métaux, c'est mon fond, ma forme
Flow, métaphores, que je manie comme le feu, la forge
Ils ont partagé l'Afrique à l'équerre, à l'écart
Dans mon quart ou dans mon tiers de monde devenu ma terre
I'ai trop pleuré quand mon peuple a perdu la raison
Ce sont nos larmes qui ont rempli tous les Grands Lacs de la région
Soldat inconnu "Hasta siempre", Fred Rwigema
Ecoutez, nous ne sommes pas du même monde

Refrain - Jali

Nyabarongo! Tu es l'encre de ma plume
Et les cornes de la vache sacrée sont mon croissant de lune!
Jennifer Vanderheyden and Bilugé Ntabala join us from Marquette University and will read the 2019 pledge of remembrance from Bruce Clarke and the Upright Men Collective. Jennifer Vanderheyden initiated a chapter of Step Up at Marquette University, a not-for-profit organisation that Rangira Bea Gallimore, a Rwandan, who lost her family in the massacres of the genocide, started to support the women survivors, the SurVivantes of the genocide in Rwanda.
Les hommes debout

25e commémoration

Avril 2019

Je suis ta mère ou ton père, ta grand-mère ou ton grand-père, ta soeur ou ton frère, ta tante ou ton oncle, ou ton enfant disparu il y a 25 ans au Rwanda. Depuis longtemps maintenant je pleure et je crie en silence ma colère, ma détresse, ma vie brisée. Malgré l’horreur et l’indifférence, je suis toujours là, debout, attendant 25 ans après que les hommes me rendent ce qu’ils m’ont pris et ce qu’ils me doivent : ma dignité.

Chaque avril mon coeur saigne et chaque avril je me débats et je lutte pour que de tels crimes ne restent pas impunis, pour que de tels crimes ne se répètent pas. Chaque avril je me relève comme un flambeau d’espoir et chaque avril je me dresse comme un rempart contre l’oubli.

Chaque avril je suis le gardien de la mémoire des victimes du génocide des Tutsi du Rwanda.

Depuis plusieurs années, les Hommes debout poursuivent leur combat contre la déshumanisation, l’oubli et l’ignorance.
Le projet de Bruce Clarke et le Collectif pour les Hommes debout tente de redonner une image de résilience et de dignité aux rescapés, de réparation symbolique aux victimes du génocide des Tutsi.
Démarré en 2014, il a été vu dans une vingtaine de villes à travers le monde.

The upright men

25th commemoration

April 2019

I am your mother, your father, your grandmother, your grandfather, your sister, your brother, your aunt or your uncle, your cousin, or your child who died 25 years ago in Rwanda. For so long, I have silently cried out my anger, my distress, my broken life. Despite the horror and indifference, I'm still standing upright, waiting for 25 years to get back what was taken from me and what is owed to me: my dignity.

Every April my heart bleeds and every April I struggle and I fight so that those crimes do not go unpunished, so that the crimes are not repeated. Every April I rise up as a torch of hope and every April I stand as a rampart against oblivion.

Every April I am the guardian of the memory of the victims of the Rwandan Tutsi genocide.

The Upright Men pursue their fight against dehumanisation, oblivion and ignorance. The project conceived by Bruce Clarke and the Collectif pour les Hommes debout attempts to give an image of resilience and of dignity to the survivors, to give symbolic reparation to the victims of the Tutsi genocide.
Initiated in 2014, it has been presented in some twenty cities around the world.
Nicole Palasz who is Program Coordinator with the Institute of World Affairs will read the passage that ends Véronique Tadjo’s *The Shadow of Imana - Travels in the Heart of Rwanda.*

“The Second Return”
Je ne suis pas guérie du Rwanda. On n’exorcise pas le Rwanda. Le danger est toujours là, tapi dans les mémoires, tapi dans la brousse aux frontières du pays. La violence est encore là, de tous les côtés.

La mort et la cruauté.

La mort est naturelle. Elle est l’autre face de la vie. Il ne faut pas en avoir peur. Et pour s’approcher du Rwanda, il faut la mettre de côté. De toute façon, la mort n’est pas plus forte que la vie. La vie finit par reprendre le dessus.

La violence des hommes a fait la mort cruelle, hideuse. Monstre à tout jamais dans la mémoire du temps.


Comprendre. Notre humanité en danger.1

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1. p. 133. Éditions Actes Sud, 2000

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I have not recovered from Rwanda. Rwanda cannot be exorcised. Danger is ever-present, lurking in the memory, crouching in the bush in neighbouring countries. Violence is still there, on every side.

Death and cruelty.

Death is natural. It is the other side of life and we should not be afraid of it. And if you want to come closer to Rwanda, you must put it aside. Besides, death is not stronger than life, for life always regains the upper hand in the end.

It is human violence that has made death cruel, hideous. An eternal monster in the memory of time.

We need to understand, to analyse the mechanisms of hatred, the words that create division, the deeds that put the seal on treason, the actions that unleash terror.

We need to understand. Our humanity is in peril.1
Both this passage and the *Litany of questions* which follows and which is drawn from the score of the play *Rwanda 94* serve as introductions to some of the questions that Carine Kaneza Nantulya’s discussion raises.

*Litany of questions*
La litanie des questions – The litany of questions

1. Qui cherche la vérité dit les ombres
Qui réclame justice n’accepte aucun pardon

2. Tant de morts, tant de chagrins, tant de familles
tant de familles exterminées
et il faudrait oublier?
Le feu est éteint, c’est vrai,
mais pour combien de temps ?
Le feu est éteint, c’est vrai, mais pas la peur
et que dire du feu à l’intérieur ?

3. La voie de la réconciliation
ne conduit pas à l’oubli.
Que l’on cueille nos os dans les marais
sur les flancs des collines
dans les fosses communes
Que l’on plante nos noms sur une croix

Excerpts from: Rwanda 94

Une tentative de réparation symbolique envers les morts, à l’usage des vivants
An attempt at symbolic reparation to the dead, for use by the living

Ecoutez-les, soyez sur vos gardes
Regardez-les, mais méfiez-vous

Ces appareils qui propagent l’information
Ce sont eux qui infectent les coeurs
Et souillent les esprits

Une hyène rusée se met à beugler
à la manière d’une vache
Nous sommes dans leur tanière
S’il vous plaît, soyez vigilants

Nous n’avons pas eu de funérailles
comme il est de coutume.
Nous avons été dépecés et jetés
dans des fosses communes.

Nous avons été dépecés et jetés
à travers le pays.
Chiens et vautours les dévorèrent,
Puis ils les laissèrent les os exposés au soleil

1. He who seeks the truth speaks shadows
He who seeks justice accepts no pardon.

2. So many deaths, so much grief,
so many families exterminated
and we are supposed to forget?
It’s true the fire is out
but for how long?
the fire is out, true, but not the fear
and what about the fire within?

3. The path of reconciliation
does not lead to forgetting.
May our bones be picked from the marshes
from the hillsides
and from the common graves
May our names be written on a cross

5. A travers nous, l’humanité vous regarde tristement Qu’attendez-vous ? Nous ne sommes pas en paix Qui cherche la vérité dit les ombres Qui réclame justice n’accepte aucun pardon.

He who seeks the truth speaks shadows He who seeks justice accepts no pardon.

Musical excerpts

La Veillée – The Vigil [part. 1 & 2] - Ingoma drums & Ibyivugo, Amararo

Wagiyehe Mana y’Rwanda - text & melody: Jean-Marie Muyango, arrangement: Garrett List

La Cantate de Bisesero – The Bisesero Cantate - music : Garrett List

Rwanda 94
A four-year collaboration between Western and Rwandan artists, meeting survivors, developing material in Rwanda and in Belgium, presented first as a work in progress at the Avignon Festival in 1999, and premiered in Liège and Brussels, Belgium in 2000. Initiated by Groupov, an “experimental Centre for Active Culture”, based in Liège, that researches the “question of truth”. The musical score by Garrett List evolved in dialogue with Rwandan musicians and Jean-Marie Muyango as well as Groupov’s artistic director Jacques Delcuvellerie. It is the result of Garrett List’s research into the organic relationship between words and music, the meeting of Western and world musical traditions and practices, and for Rwanda 94 the melodic counterpoint and oral tradition of improvisation in Rwandan music.
Thank you Carine for bringing and sharing your experiences and knowledge of these dehumanizing elements and activities that lead to violent atrocities and inhumanity, to crimes against humanity, all over the world, here as much as elsewhere. May we be active and vigilant and serve as memories for the future.
Lighting of candles

Please light your candle and we’ll close the commemoration on the 25th anniversary of the Genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda as we opened with Gaël Faye, and Samuel Kamanzi in a different rendering of *Hope Anthem*.

Stream Hope Anthem video Gael Faye with Samuel Kamanzi
Download Hope Anthem video Gael Faye with Samuel Kamanzi
Thank you all for sharing in the commemoration.

Please stay a while. Be in the moment, continue the discussion with Carine and enjoy some refreshments out in the hall.

Do watch the video: Human Rights Watch: Rwanda 25 years

If you would like to participate in the Solidarity Photo Project, Dina Wolf, who is K-16 Outreach Coordinator with the Institute of World Affairs, is standing by the table with her camera.

We are hoping to collect photos from across Milwaukee, of women, men and children, standing in a dignified manner, having written on a sign that they are holding up at chest height: I am standing upright, in their own language of expression. With these photos we wish to create a collage of solidarity, affirming the dignity and humanity of each and every person in our communities and across the world and acknowledge and honor the victims and Survivors of the Genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda.

Raoul Peck’s film will screen here in this room at 7:00pm. It is a remarkable historical drama that recounts the 100 days of the Genocide in Rwanda and renders evident that the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda is our story, part of our History.

Also on Friday May 10th 2019, 5-11pm, please consider coming to the Alliance française of Milwaukee, to watch Rwanda 94 : une tentative de réparation symbolique envers les morts, à l’usage des vivants.

Thank you for your part in the 25th commemoration of the genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda and in honoring with dignity the victims and survivors.
25 ans après - RWANDA - 25 years after
LE GÉNOCIDE DES TUTSI - THE TUTSI GENOCIDE

Pour la mémoire et la dignité des victimes du génocide des Tutsi au Rwanda
In memory and for the dignity of the victims of the genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda

PARTICIPATIVE SOLIDARITY PHOTO PROJECT
UWM, Milwaukee, with Friends and Families
with
THE UPRIGHT MEN COLLECTIVE || COLLECTIF POUR LES HOMMES DEBOUT
Bruce Clarke & Gaël Faye

Je suis debout | I’m standing upright

Take a photo of yourself, from head to foot, standing in a dignified posture, holding a paper on which you have written in your own language “I’m standing upright”.

“Being an upright woman or an upright man means rising up in dignity, refusing oblivion, being committed to stand against violence, looking History in the eye.” – Gaël Faye
Rwanda 94

une tentative de réparation symbolique envers les morts, à l’usage des vivants
an endeavor of symbolic reparation for the dead, to be used by the living

Film screening: Friday May 10, 2019 -- 5-11pm (with 2 intermissions)
At the Alliance française of Milwaukee
Free & Open to the Public – come when & as long as you wish

Together with Les Hommes debout || Upright Men Collective Project
Bruce Clarke & Gaël Faye

Rwanda 94 was developed with the survivors and victims of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda and created in Belgium by Groupov. First performed in 2000 in Liège, the film records the 6 hour theater performance in 2005, with its live witness accounts, conference, spoken and sung choirs, musical compositions, projections of images and reports, and theatrical fiction with actors, masks and puppets.

Authors: Marie-France Collard, Jacques Delcuvellerie, Dorcy Rugamba, Yolande Mukagasana, Jean-Marie Piemme, Mathias Simons with the writing collaboration of Tharcisse Kalisa Rugano.
Stage Direction: Jacques Delcuvellerie in assoc. with Mathias Simons.
Composition & musical direction: Garrett List
Film (655'): M.-F. Collard & Patrick Czapinski, Groupov; co-prod.: Parallèles Prods & RTBF-La Deux (2013).


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Je suis debout | I’m standing upright
with Bruce Clarke, Gaël Faye & The Upright Men Collective

“Being an upright woman or an upright man means rising up in dignity, refusing oblivion, being committed to stand against violence, looking History in the eye.” – Gaël Faye

The photo montage was assembled during the year following the 25th anniversary commemoration of the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda

Collective Homage 2019 – 2020

Upholding the dignity of the survivors
Remembering the victims of the 1994 genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda

LES HOMMES DEBOUT THE UPRIGHT MEN
Participative Solidarity Photo-Project
UWM, Milwaukee, Friends and Families

with
Bruce Clarke & Gaël Faye

Je suis debout | I’m standing upright

Please write: I am standing upright
in your language of expression on a piece of paper
Then standing in a dignified manner
with your sign at chest height,
take a photo of yourself, from head to foot, in memory, honor and solidarity
with the victims and survivors
of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda.

The Milwaukee photo montage was assembled during the year (2019-2020) following the commemoration of
the 25th anniversary of the genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda.

I AM STANDING UPRIGHT

Je suis debout