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Adama, Le Magicien Peul

(Adama, the Fulani Magician)

1981. Color. 1.33 format. 22 min.

Producer-Director-Cinematographer: Jim Rosellini/ Editors: Linda Moss, Jim Rosellini/Music: Oger Kabore/Principal Cast: Adama Hamidou and the people of Ouagadougou, Upper Volta/Production Company-Print Source: African Family Films

Adama, the Fulani Magician is a compact and joyous ethnographic film by Jim Rosellini, a former Peace Corps volunteer from Seattle working out of Venice, California. Adama Madimou is a well-known African magician-dancer-comedian who is deaf. Communicating with great warmth and wit in West African sign language, he absolutely entrances his audiences by performing dangerous feats of daring with razor sharp knives.

—John Tarnoff