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"Asinamali!":

The Committed Artists

Documentary, 16mm, color, 1986

Director: St. Clair Bourne

Producer: St. Clair Bourne

Production Co.: The Asinamali Film Project

Running Time: 60 minutes—

31 min. sample in video section

“Asinamali!": The Committed Artists centers on the current North American tour of the award-winning South African play *Asinamali!*, a production that grew out of the 1983 disturbances in the black township of Lamontville. The play itself takes place in a South African jail as five black prisoners recount the events which brought them there.

"Asinamali!": The Committed Artists chronicles the journey from the show's North American premiere in Harlem's New Heritage Theater through its fall 1986 presentation at the South African Theater festival at New York's Lincoln Center and up to its opening on Broadway set for spring 1987. Excerpts from the play, rehearsals, interviews with the cast, and on-location scenes in South Africa combine to provide a unique view of a theatrical experience intertwined with a nation's disturbing present and turbulent past.

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