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JEAN-MARIE TENO IN PERSON JUNE 29-30

CINEMATHEQUE ONTARIO LECTURE SERIES

LECTURE BY JEAN-MARIE TENO

"New video technology may permit us to break the cycle of media dependency . . . We can tell our own stories, our way, within our own means." – Jean-Marie Teno

In addition to his work as a filmmaker, Jean-Marie Teno is also a writer and film critic. Following the screening of *CHIEF!*, Teno will present a lecture on his vision for documentary film and comment on the conditions for film production and distribution in Africa. Approximate length of the lecture will be 30 minutes.

Teno's article *Imagining Alternatives: African Cinema in the New Century* can be found at the following website: <http://www.newsreel.org/articles/teno.htm>

CHIEF!

(CHIEF!)
Director: Jean-Marie Teno
Cameroon 1999 61 minutes

"Very powerful and eloquent . . . [CHIEF!] underscores, in a neat presentation, the challenges Africa faces in establishing rights and accountability at the village level, between the sexes and for persons of power – be they traditional or political."

– Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International

I traveled to my village to attend the inauguration of a monument honoring one of our past chiefs. I planned to spend several days videotaping dances. However on the morning of the second day of festivities, I happened across a scene of vigilante justice during which a 16-year-old boy nearly lost his life for stealing one hen and four chicks. Several hours later, I bought a souvenir calendar and discovered inside the 'rules and regulations of the husband in his home' – a series of exceptionally misogynous 'articles' defining the conjugal relationship. These events became the starting point of a reflection on abuses of power in Cameroon – country of chiefs, country of inequalities. – **Jean-Marie Teno**

Wednesday, June 29 6:30 p.m.

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