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New Jamaican film, Gett'a Life, tackles politics, friendships and gang warfare in refreshing light

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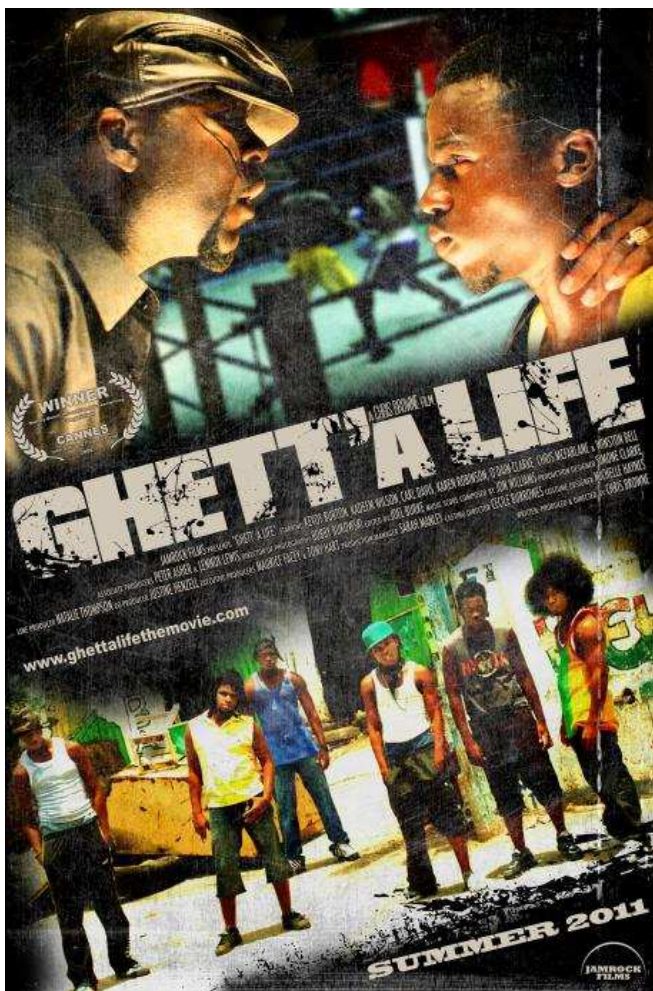
TALENT: Kevoy Burton stars in the film

GHETT'A LIFE is an explosive new movie about politics, friendships and growing up in a ghetto in Jamaica.

Centered on 16-year-old aspiring boxer Derrick (Kevoy Burton), the film follows the ambitious protagonist, who longs to be a professional boxer and represent Jamaica at the Olympics.

The only problem is, the gym that will make him a serious contender is in the opposing garrison (territory) – which means he has to risk his life in order to follow his dream.

Ghett'a Life vividly explores the deadly hypocrisy of Jamaican politics, as the government and army is replaced in the ghettos by power crazy 'dons', who manipulate MPs and do not hesitate to kill anyone in their garrison who does not obey them.



Despite the initial three minutes of violence that start the movie, viewers are sure to be enthralled by the heart-jerking rendition of a boy's struggle to be the best boxer in Jamaica, and his determination to unify the city and stop the violence. Some parts of the film portray typical teenage dramas, but as clichéd as they may be, young love and teenage rebellion will always remain relevant.

The cinematography is as good as any Hollywood blockbuster, a refreshing sight when compared to previous Jamaican films that have, unfortunately, been known for their poor quality.

Mind you, the film has had plenty of time to be developed; it took director Chris Browne 10 years to take the film from its inception to the big screen. Money was the major obstacle for Browne, as the film failed to secure adequate funding, despite winning the Hartley Merrill International Screenplay Award in 2006 at the Cannes Film Festival.

That is where producer PJ Asher stepped in. Along with Pan Caribbean Financial services, Asher was able to raise the \$1,200,000 needed to produce the movie, which was then filmed and completed in just six weeks. Asher believes this was down to the hard work of the all-Jamaican crew.

"I hope this film will be used as a tool to unite our communities," Asher said at a recent screening of the film in London.

Persevering through the setbacks, the team were able to produce a highly relevant and touching film, that screams out against the blatant violence, duplicity and greed that runs rampant in Jamaican culture.

A thought provoking film, Ghett' a Life will leave a positive effect on all who watch it.

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Ghett' a Life will be released in the UK in the coming months. The reaction to the film in Jamaica, having opened recently, has been amazing, with sold