

Danny Glover Leads 'Tula, The Revolt' International Cast (Feature On Slave Uprising In Curacao) [Video]

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Noteworthy updates on the slave uprising project titled Tula, The Revolt, from Dutch director Jeroen Leinders, which is based on a true story about a slave uprising on the island of Curacao, a Dutch colony in 1795, and the man called Tula, who dared to stand up against his oppressors, and led the revolt that would last about a month.

At the time of our last post, the filmmakers were feverishly working to raise the necessary funds to see the film to fruition, and it looks like they're just about ready to roll.

They weren't able to raise the full amount that they initially budgeted for the film, but have decided that they've raised enough to get it made. In essence, they're readjusting their initial budget, so that they can get the film produced for the amount of money that they have raised.

By any means necessary.

Another motivation is that they want to complete the film to release in 2013, a year that marks the 150th anniversary since slavery was finally abolished on the island of Curacao (1863).

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As of our last report, they were aiming for an October start date, and had begun putting together cast and crew. I wondered whether they'd cast primarily local actors, or if they'd go after *bigger* international names for the project.

This morning, I have an answer...

The cast members were finally announced at a press conference in Willemstad, and Danny Glover leads the pack of international actors that also includes Obi Abili, Jeroen Krabbé, Derek de Lint, Henriette Tol and Barry Hay.

Obi Abili (a UK actor of Nigerian decent) will star in the film as the titular Tula, while Glover will play Shinishi, a role that the producers are calling a very important one. Online research on Shinishi revealed nothing, so I'm not equipped to comment on who exactly that was, and how he contributed to the revolt. Maybe those of you who are intimately familiar with the uprising in Curacao can enlighten the rest of us.

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