

VFS @ THE MUSEUM - TUESDAY JULY 19 @ 7PM

“WAR DANCE”

USA 2007 – SEAN FINE & ANDREW NIX-FINE - 105 mins



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“War Dance” tells the story of three children living in a refugee displacement camp in Patongo, a town in Northern Uganda where their families and homes have been torn apart by an ongoing civil war. Although these orphans live in constant fear of abduction from rebel forces, their passion for music and dance brings them the strength and courage to proudly represent the community and region of Patongo at the country’s national music and dance festival in the capital city of Kampala. Stunning visuals coat the extreme hardships exposed in this film with the light of hope and beauty, while the upbeat rhythms allow you to believe that all is not lost for these young refugees as they prepare for this prestigious competition. Leaving no time for self-pity, these dignified children and their teachers push forward. The healing power of music and dance guides them to a highly dramatic conclusion that is guaranteed to captivate any audience.