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with the participation of Maya Sansa
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Turin, Dakar, New York. Sophie, Abdoulaye, Thierno. Three destinies crossing each other’s paths, echoing one another, delineating a constellation of exile.

Sophie, 22 years old, leaves Dakar to join her husband Abdoulaye in Turin. However, Abdoulaye has left for New York, through a smuggler’s network. 19-year-old Thierno is traveling to Africa for the first time.

Under the Starry Sky takes us on a journey with these three characters, scouring and wandering among the diversity of cities across three continents, confronting us with the realities, hopes and dreams of contemporary emigration.

original language French, English, Italian, Wolof
produced by Arnaud Dommerc & Jean-Baptiste Legrand
associate producer Nathalie Eybrard
an Andolfi / Centrale Electrique production
in co-production with Ezekiel Film Production
Rouge International
and Cinekap

Dyana Gaye was born in Paris in 1975. ▲ In 1998, she graduated from Paris 8-St Denis University where she majored in Film Studies. ▲ In 1999, she won the Louis Lumière-Villa Médicis scholarship for her script A woman for Souleymane, which she directed the following year. ▲ In 2004, she directed Remembering Paris, for the group project Paris, la métisse and was a finalist in the Rolex Mentor and Protégé Initiative. ▲ In 2006, her film Ousmane received much acclaim in France and abroad. ▲ In 2007, it won the Jury Prize at the International Short Film Festival in Clermond-Ferrand, and was one of five films nominated for Best Short Film at the 2008 César awards (French Academy Awards). ▲ In 2009, she directed the musical Saint-Louis Blues, which had its world premiere at the Locarno Film Festival. It was selected in several other festivals as well, including Sundance and Toronto. ▲ In 2011 she received a second Cesar nomination for this film in the Best Short Film category. ▲ In 2013, she received the Katrin Cartlidge Foundation Award at the Sarajevo Film Festival.

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