

THE 34th ANNUAL PAN AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL PAFF SOUL 2026

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RZA's *One Spoon of Chocolate* Selected as Opening Night Film for the 34th Annual Pan African Film & Arts Festival

LOS ANGELES — The **34th Annual Pan African Film & Arts Festival (PAFF)** announced today that [*One Spoon of Chocolate*](#), written and directed by **RZA**, will serve as the festival's Opening Night film. The highly anticipated red carpet screening is presented by **36 Cinema** and will take place **Tuesday, February 17, 2026** (7 p.m.), at the **Directors Guild of America** in Los Angeles, with RZA in attendance.

A tense and stylish action thriller, *RZA's One Spoon of Chocolate* follows an ex-military convict seeking a fresh start in a small town, only to find himself pulled into a whirlpool of danger—delivering a gripping, high-impact thriller infused with RZA's signature vision and edge. The film marks a bold cinematic statement from the visionary founder of the Wu-Tang Clan and **Shameik Moore, Blair Underwood, RJ Cyler, Paris Jackson, Emyri Crutchfield, Michael Harney, and Harry Goodwins.**

“Opening PAFF with *One Spoon of Chocolate* underscores our commitment to bold, globally resonant Black storytelling and to filmmakers who push the form forward,” said Oduduwa Olatunji, PAFF's Executive Director. “RZA's film is kinetic, urgent, and unapologetically cinematic—an electrifying way to launch our 2026 film festival.”

PAFF's Opening Night is an industry-forward event drawing filmmakers, distributors, press, and tastemakers from across the entertainment ecosystem. The selection of *One Spoon of Chocolate* positions the film at the center of Black History Month's premier celebration of Black film, art, and culture, and reaffirms PAFF's role as a key launchpad for discovery and dialogue.

The 34th Annual Pan African Film & Arts Festival runs now through February 22, 2026, with the film festival taking place February 16 through February 22.

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