

Yirgashewa Teshome Amare Member of Jury 2010

Yirgashewa Teshome Amare. (born April 20,1977), is an Ethiopian [actor](#), [film & play director](#), [producer](#), and founder/director of the [Ethiopian International Film Festival](#). He graduated in Theatrical Art and received Diploma from Mahader Art School in 1998 Addis Ababa. Since his graduation he was very active in most Ethiopian art and media activities as an actor of radio drama, stage play and films and as a director of stage play and film also as a producer of film. Yirgashewa's career, like that of almost all major stars who emerged in the late 1990s, began in Addis Ababa,, where an actor could find work both in radio, [television](#) and on [stage](#). Starting in 1999, he appeared as a central character on radio dramas, stage plays and films. After his success of acting, he was cast in larger feature movie called "Tikure Beles" as a main role. His first success feature film as a producer and [director](#)

was (in 2001) "Campus" a drama about the unwanted pregnancy and its consequences which was set entirely in Addis Ababa University premises. In 2002 he created art and film production center in Ethiopia, LINKAGE, specially for promoting and developing the continued and vital growth of the Ethiopian and African film production . Three years after the establishment of this institution he founded the today football predictions from the experts annual Ethiopian international film festival (ethioiff) in 2005. The Festival has been growing in strength since its first appearance in 2005, and has now established an international

presence and dialogue with the international film fraternity The festival is now in the prep of its 5th edition under the Director Yirgashewa Teshome.