

# WAR CHILD



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**“Emmanuel Jal was once a child soldier in South Sudan. Today, he is a rising rap star with a message of peace. The clock is ticking – conflict looms once again in his homeland. His most important war – his war for peace – has only just begun.”**

## FIVE POINTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT *WAR CHILD*

- 1) **A Rising Star - *War Child*** is a heart-wrenching, compelling, emotionally riveting, and ultimately hopeful film about Emmanuel Jal, a former Sudanese child soldier and today an international hip-hop artist on the rise. Against all odds, Emmanuel managed to survive unspeakable horrors to live another day to share his “story” and dazzle audiences through his high-energy music and activism. *USA TODAY* calls him “Africa’s hottest rapper.” His career promises to be legendary.
- 2) **An African Story** - Many documentaries feature Western protagonists compassionately working on behalf of destitute Africans – our goal is to tell a story of a Sudanese who is intent on taking his future into his own hands. This is an African story told by an African. He longs for the day when the people of Sudan will be able to help themselves. “Peace is hard, but it’s the only thing worth fighting for,” Jal says, adding: “I’m committed to that fight for the rest of my life. No other Sudanese child should ever hold a gun in his hand.”
- 3) **Beyond The Headlines** - While news headlines tell the story of war and famine, Western audiences have little understanding of the history of Sudan’s civil wars and how ordinary Sudanese go about their lives today. Beyond the moments of crisis that flicker on our television, there are real people engaged in real struggles, dreaming of a better future for their children. We shot more than half the film in Africa, in Kenya and Sudan. From the contested oil fields of the south to village homes to the urban sprawl of Nairobi with its vast slums, we take you beyond the headlines to see the lives of ordinary Africans.
- 4) **A Warning Bell - *War Child*** is a call to action. A fragile peace agreement is separating Northern and Southern Sudanese armed forces. While the world is focusing on Darfur, many analysts predict Khartoum might once again send its tanks and planes into the south for round three of the civil war – a war that has already killed 2 million people and left 4 million displaced – over 1/3 of the South’s population. It’s not too late to act.
- 5) **Not A Conflict Documentary** - The truth is many are fatigued and overwhelmed by conflict around the world. However, *War Child* is about a vibrant, witty, young man, his music, and his quest for peace. Watch Emmanuel play with three generations of New Orleans’ greatest living jazz musicians, debate policymakers in Washington, trek to the largest refugee camps in Africa, and finally return home to find his family. He is a remarkable, emotionally intelligent young man who leaves a lasting impression on all who meet him. And his music is spectacular.

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