



# RELUCTANT GANGSTERS

## Elmina's Kitchen

BBC Four's commitment to bringing the best UK theatre to television continues with the National Theatre's acclaimed stage play by writer and *Casualty* star Kwame Kwei-Armah. *Elmina's Kitchen* is the story of a father trying to prevent his son getting involved in London's gun culture.

Deli runs a shabby West Indian café on Hackney's 'murder mile' in an area controlled by yardies. His life is a daily struggle to hold on to his honest living and provide a stable life for his troublesome son, Ashley. After the murder of his brother and the arrival of his estranged father, Deli's life starts to fall apart.

Directed by Angus Jackson, *Elmina's Kitchen* stars the original cast from the stage play: Paterson Joseph, Shaun Parkes, George Harris, Oscar James, Dona Croll and Emmanuel Idowu.

This production is made especially for television and shot on location in north London's Finsbury Park.



## Ali Zaoua

Ali Zaoua is one of many boys left to wander the streets of Casablanca, sniffing glue and getting into scrapes, until one day he and his friends are set upon by another gang of boys and Ali is killed. Kwita, Omar and Boubker are devastated and decide to give Ali a burial fit for a prince. The film shows the grim life of these young boys.

*Ali Zaoua* sharply contrasts the harshness of the brutal world in which the boys live with the innocence of childhood hopes they are unlikely to fulfil.

Nabil Ayouch directed the film, released in 2000, which he co-wrote with Nathalie Saugeon. *Ali Zaoua* receives its UK television première as part of BBC Four's Saturday Cinema strand.



## The Trespasser

*The Trespasser* is a blistering thriller that shows the new Brazilian cinema at its sharpest and most uncompromising. When Giba and Ivan have their business partner murdered, they discover that the hit man proves far more difficult to remove from their lives.

The film shows the grim reality of a gangster world, the imagined differences between the middle class and the slums, and the reality of the businessmen's and the hit man's ambitions to fulfil their desires.

Released in 2002, *The Trespasser* is directed by Beto Brant and based on the novel written by Marçal Aquino. It receives its UK television première as part of BBC Four's Saturday Cinema strand.