

IMTA ALUM ANNA DIOP IN *US*

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Us opens nationwide Friday, March 22

“I was born in Senegal, West Africa, and I moved to the States when I was six years old. When I first came I had to assimilate. I learned the language in two months and I was in school two months later, assimilating into this culture. And sometimes I just feel like an outsider too, right? I think a lot of people can relate to that.” — Anna Diop

Accompanied by her husband, son and daughter, Adelaide Wilson returns to the beachfront home where she grew up as a child. Haunted by a traumatic experience from the past, Adelaide grows increasingly concerned that something bad is going to happen to her family. Her worst fears soon become a reality when four masked strangers descend upon the house, forcing the Wilsons into a fight for survival. When the masks come off, each stranger takes the appearance of a different family member.



From writer/director Jordan Peele comes the horror feature *Us*, which stars Lupita Nyong’o, Winston Duke, Elisabeth Moss, Tim Heidecker, Shahadi Wright Joseph, Evan Alex, Yahya Abdul-Mateen II, Cali Sheldon, Noelle Sheldon, and IMTA alum Anna Diop.

“Invasion movies—whether it’s a home invasion or *The Birds* or UFOs—pull from fear of the outsider. Right now we’re in a time where that fear is very thick in the zeitgeist: fear of North Korea making a bomb, fear of immigrants. But we’re realizing that the terror is homegrown, too,” Peele told the Wall Street Journal. He continued, “We’re living in a messy time. A dark time. And I think there’s plenty of blame to go around, but what I don’t see happening enough is people looking at their own part in this dark turn. It’s so much easier to blame the other. It connects to something in human nature, and to a duality in the history and present of this country as well: this fear of the outsider. This movie was a way to say, what if the intruder is us? Maybe the monster has our face, and we’re so obsessed with some unrecognizable monster that we’ve been blinded to the real one.”



Diop currently stars in the DC action series “*Titans*” as Koriand’r, code-named Starfire, an alien warrior princess from the fictional planet of Tamaran who sports curly, ruby-red hair and wears a brown fur coat over a florescent purple dress and knee-high boots. “I love being able to embody what being alien feels like, if that makes sense. I think that’s something I do understand,” Diop said.



Diop had recurring roles in the Amazon series “*Bosch*,” the OWN series “*Greenleaf*,” and was a series regular on FOX’s “*24: Legacy*.”