

Congratulations!!! Mussie Yrgaw B.A. Film Studies.

At last, your life long impassioned love for the cinema has come into fruition. Your keen



and fervent enthusiasm for the artistic manifestations of life took an aura of its own, when you opted to follow your calling to see the world through an embedded lens reflected on a smoke screen when the rest of us, your brothers and sisters chose the easy way of conforming aesthetically with the thing we call reality.

As much as I am elated to congratulate you on this milestone of your life, the kid in ‘Cinema Paradiso’ comes to mind. Of course, the contrast between you and the kid-character is glaringly limited to your ephemerally thwarted dream because of unforeseen circumstances that impeded you from achieving it. However, despite the disparity of time, dreams are always dreams and they are meant to be realized. And you have made it happen with flying colors. I am sure, you are ‘parroting’ McQueen’s last line in ‘Papillon’. And we all are damn proud of you!!!

If Ethio-wood is anything to gain, it is your brilliant indispensable knack for understanding cinema. For now, it is the intellectual and theoretical capital you have garnered in your own right, and before we know it, you will be rolling the takes behind a camera. We all can not wait. Again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement.

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