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“Transforming the Beautiful Game: The Clyde Best Story” Announces Initial North American Tour Dates across Select U.S. Cities

Bermuda & U.S. Screenings Set for April Through June 2026

Bermuda (March 12, 2026) - Following its highly-anticipated London premiere later this month, *Transforming the Beautiful Game: The Clyde Best Story* will embark on its initial North American film tour in spring, with screenings confirmed in Bermuda and select U.S. cities across May and June 2026.

The powerful sports and social history documentary celebrates the extraordinary life and legacy of Bermudian legend Clyde Best — the first Black soccer superstar of the modern television era in England and a pioneering figure whose influence later helped shape the early growth of professional soccer in the United States.

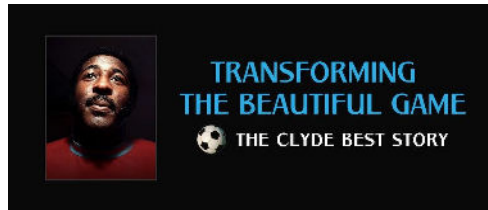
The tour begins with previously announced screenings in Bermuda from April 21–26 at Earl Cameron Theatre & Ruth Seaton James Auditorium, before traveling to Tampa Bay, Portland, Nashua, Boston, Providence, and Atlanta. Philadelphia and Washington are also confirmed cities on the East Coast with dates to be confirmed.

Directed by award-winning filmmaker Dan Egan, the documentary traces Best’s journey from Bermuda to English football’s top flight, where he rose to prominence with West Ham United in the late 1960s and ’70s. Facing open racism while performing at the highest level of the game, Best not only broke barriers but excelled — scoring 58 goals in 218 appearances and becoming a symbol of resilience, excellence, and change.

Among other key moments, the film revisits Easter Sunday 1972, when Best, Clive Charles, and Ade Coker became the first Black trio to start a match in England’s First Division — an historic milestone that transcended sport.

The documentary also chronicles Best’s vital role in American soccer during its formative professional years. In the North American Soccer League, he helped the Tampa Bay Rowdies capture the 1975 Soccer Bowl and later became a fan favorite with the Portland Timbers, leaving a lasting imprint on the U.S. game both on and off the pitch. Best also had stints in Cleveland, Toronto and Los Angeles during his professional career including indoor pro soccer.

Narrated by award-nominated actor Tony Head, who features in Tyler Perry’s BET series *Zatima*, the film brings Best’s story to life with emotional depth and historical [resonance](#). It also features an original score and songs by acclaimed musician Roy Hay of Culture Club. Featuring



newly uncovered archival footage and exclusive interviews, the documentary includes appearances by Harry Redknapp, Les Ferdinand, Viv Anderson, Ian Wright, and U.S. Men's National Team star Kasey Keller, who reflects on the development and evolution of the professional game in the United States during Best's years.

Together, these and other soccer legends offer a perspective on Best's impact across continents and on the sport's ongoing journey toward greater inclusion and fair play.

Following its London run and Bermuda screenings, the North American tour will visit cities deeply connected to Best's legacy and the growth of the game in the United States.

Tickets and additional information are available at www.clydebest.com.

Initial North American Tour Dates

April 21–26	Bermuda	Earl Cameron Theatre & Ruth Seaton James Auditorium <i>*Previously announced</i>
May 7–8	Tampa Bay, FL	The Palladium
June 4–5	Portland, OR	Aladdin Theater
June 18-26	Boston, MA	Roxbury International Film Festival (showings TBD)
June 20	Atlanta, GA	Rialto Theater
June 26	Nashua, NH	Nashua Center for the Arts
June 27	Providence, RI	Park Theatre
TBD	Washington, DC	
TBD	Philadelphia, PA	

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