

PROFILE OF THE DIRECTOR



Desmond Ovbiagele worked for over a decade in investment banking before exiting to pursue a passion for movie production. He wrote, produced and co-directed his debut feature film, *Render to Caesar*, which was selected to screen in official competition at FESPACO, Africa's largest film festival, in 2015, as well as at the Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles. It also received awards for Best Screenplay at the Nollywood Movies Awards and Best of Nollywood (BON) Awards respectively, in addition to the award for Best International Feature Film at the Nile Diaspora International Film Festival in Kampala, Uganda.

The Milkmaid, which he also wrote, produced and directed, is his second feature film, winning 5 Africa Movie Academy Awards in December 2020, including for Best Film.

Also in December 2020, The Nigerian Official Selection Committee announced *The Milkmaid* as the country's official selection for the 93rd Academy Awards in the category of Best International Feature Film.