



LEBANESE FILM FESTIVAL

2024 FILM PROGRAM

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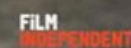
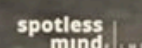
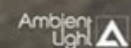


ARZÉ

A FILM BY MIRA SHAIB

DIAMAND ABOU ABBOUD BETTY TAOUTEL BILAL AL HAMWI

AMBIENT LIGHT PRESENTS A SPOTLESS MIND FILMS PRODUCTION "ARZÉ" DIRECTED BY MIRA SHAIB
WRITTEN BY LOUAY KHRAISH & FAISSAL SAM SHAIB EXECUTIVE PRODUCER ALT EL ARABI & TAREQ AL NEMA
PRODUCED BY FAISSAL SAM SHAIB & LOUAY KHRAISH PRODUCER ZEINA BADRAN CO-PRODUCER RED SEA FILM FESTIVAL FOUNDATION
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY HEYJIN JUN EDITOR HISHAM SAQR COMPOSER HANY ADEL SOUND DESIGNER MOHAMED SALAH
CASTING BY CORINE CHALFOUN PRODUCTION DESIGNER SABINE SABBAGH COSTUME DESIGNER SALLY SHEHAYEB
POST PRODUCER RIHANNA KHALED MASSOUD LEGAL KHALED EL ARABI



ARZE

Director Mira Shaib

Cast Diamand Bou Abboud, Betty Taoutel, Belal Alhamwi

Year 2024

Country Lebanon

Runtime 90 minutes

Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

To find her stolen scooter, Arze drags her rebellious son on an adventurous journey across Beirut, navigating the city's web of sectarianism with wit and courage while revealing to her son a long-overdue family secret.

Date

*Thursday, 15 August

Wednesday, 28 August

*Opening Night Film

Time

6.15pm

7.30pm

Venue

The Bryan Brown Theatre, Bankstown

HOYTS Broadway

[Trailer](#)

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Drama
FEATURE

FEATURE

Biography | Spiritual | Faith

AL RAB YARANI

Director Tony Nehme
Cast Joseph Sassine, Charbel Rizk, Mireille Panosian, Issam El Achkar
Year 2024
Country Lebanon
Runtime 90 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

The story of the Lebanese canonised brother Estephan Nehmeh.

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 30 August*	8.45pm	The Theatre, Bankstown Sports Club

*Australian Premiere

[Trailer](#)

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PRESENTS

جوزيف ساسين
JOSEPH SASSINE

الرب يرزقنا
- Al-Rab Yarani

Written By MOUNIR MAASRI - Directed By TONY NEHME
Music Composed By NADER KHOURY - Arranged Executed & Recorded By FADY ABI HACHEM

NADINE LABAKI

FANNY ARDANT

RETOUR EN *و حاشيتيني* ALEXANDRIE

UN FILM DE TAMER RUGGLI



BACK TO ALEXANDRIA

Director Tamer Ruggli
Cast Nadine Labaki, Fanny Ardant, Laila Ezz El Arab
Year 2023
Country Switzerland, France
Runtime 95 minutes
Language French/Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons aged 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

As her blue-blooded mother lies on her deathbed, Sue (Nadine Labaki) has to confront her painful past during an inner journey leading her back to Egypt and the woman she left behind.

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 22 August	7.30pm	HOYTS Broadway
*Saturday, 31 August	8.00pm	The Theatre, Bankstown Sports Club

*Closing Night Film

[Trailer](#)

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FEATURE
Drama | Comedy

FEATURE

Drama

TNAASH

Director Boudy Sfeir

Cast Mohammad Assaf, Tony Dagher, Patrick Chemali, Sara Abdo

Year 2023

Country Lebanon

Runtime 86 minutes

Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

After the August 4th Beirut Port explosion a judicial reform brings about the first trial by jury in Lebanon where 12 citizens are about to decide the fate of an illegal Syrian refugee accused of brutally killing a social activist known for helping the damaged community after the blast. Will they be able to put aside their pre-existing issues to offer an impartial verdict?

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday, 17 August	6.00pm	HOYTS Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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tnaash

A FILM BY BOUDY SFEIR
LOOSELY INSPIRED FROM 12 ANGRY MEN BY REGINALD ROSE



PHI PRODUCTIONS PRESENT "TNAASH" A BOUDY SFEIR FILM SCREENPLAY BOUDY SFEIR PATRICK CHEMALI AZDACHIR AHMAD DOP JAD MISRI PRODUCTION DESIGNER JAD AZIZA EDITOR ELIE R. LOUIS SOUND ENGINEER JAD TANNOUS MUSIC KARL BOU-RJEILY SOUND DESIGNER ELIA HADDAD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IBRAHIM NASSERADDINE EXECUTIVE PRODUCER TAREK HAKAMI CO-PRODUCERS BOUDY SFEIR AZDACHIR AHMAD LINE PRODUCER CHRISTINA FARAH PRODUCER CARLA MARIA EL KHOURY DIRECTED BY BOUDY SFEIR

INTRODUCING
MARIA HASSAN
HALA HOSNI

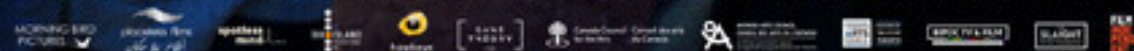
VALLEY OF EXILE

A FILM BY ANNA FAHR

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MORNING BIRD PICTURES PRESENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PLACELESS FILMS "VALLEY OF EXILE" A FILM BY ANNA FAHR INTRODUCING MARIA HASSAN AND HALA HOSNI WITH MICHEL HOURANI NAJWA KONDAKJI JOY HALLAK AND SAJED AMER DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MARK KHALIFE ART DIRECTOR PAMELA KHADRA EDITORS ANNA FAHR WAJDI ELIAN SOUND DESIGNER TONY ELK ORIGINAL MUSIC BY ALAN SPILJAK PRODUCERS ANNA FAHR LARA ABU SAIFAN CO-PRODUCER HABIB BATTAH LINE PRODUCER ZEINA BADRAN EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS PAUL SCHERZER AESCHYLUS POULOS WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ANNA FAHR



VALLEY OF EXILE

Director Anna Fahr
Cast Maria Hassan, Hala Hosni, Michel Hourani, Najwa Kondakji
Year 2023
Country Lebanon
Runtime 106 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons aged 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Two sisters arrive in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley at the onset of the Syrian war, embarking on a journey into exile that tests their loyalty to their country, their family and each other.

Date	Time	Venue
Sunday, 18 August	6.00pm	HOYTS Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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Drama
FEATURE



أرض THE FARM

NMPRO PRESENTS

"THE FARM" WITH WISSAM HANNA MIRVA KADI ABDELHAY AL FARHAT ROULA CHAMIEH MICHEL HOURANY MALIK MOHAMAD AHED DEEB
ALECO DAUD FAYSAL EL ESTWANI CHARBEL ZIADEH ANTOINETTE AKIKI TONI AAD JOY HALLACK NICOLAS TOUBIA
MUSIC COMPOSER DAVID KAHALE AUDIO PRODUCER TONY KALAANY SOUND MIXER BACHIR TANNOUS STYLIST CELINE GHANDOUR ART DIRECTOR CYNTHIA BOUTROS
POST-PRODUCTION KOLJA DIGITAL WORKS PRODUCTION MANAGER PATRICIA IBRAHIM ASSISTING DIRECTOR RAMEZ EL KHOURY
CO-WRITTEN BY ANTHONY HAMAWI SCREEN PLAY BY FOUAD YAMMINE RAMI AWAD
DOP AND DIRECTOR NADIM MEHANNA

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IN CINEMAS ON FEBRUARY 8th



THE FARM

Director Nadim Mehanna
Cast Roula Chamieh, Aleco Daoud, Abdelhay Al Farhat
Year 2024
Country Lebanon
Runtime 104 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Five year-old Syrian refugee Abboud, with a vivid imagination, meets Wissam, a troubled young Lebanese man. Their unexpected friendship not only transforms Wissam's life but also begins to heal his deep-seated wounds. Together, they unknowingly alter each other's destinies.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday, 17 August	9.00pm	HOYTS Bankstown

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Drama
FEATURE

**"WILDLY FUNNY, TENDER AND RAUCOUS,
Doueiri's film is charming and high-spirited. Blazingly fresh and real!"**

Arion Berger, Washington City Paper


*Directors Fortnight
Cannes Film Festival*
*International Critics Prize
Toronto International Film Festival*

West Beirut

Growing up is only half the battle.

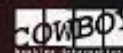
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY ZIAD DOUEIRI

a Cowboy Booking International release of a 33 Productions / Le Sage ARTE unité de programmes fictionelles PIERRE CHENAILER co-production in cooperation with Douel Films (Lebanon), Cine Ultra (Brno Dabov) (Belgium), Express Film Productions o.s. Björn Bлинд Aarhøg (Denmark) with the participation of the French Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Center for Cinematography with the support of the Francophonie Agency - ACCT, with the support of RTVE IBER, Canal Horizons and the European Union MEDIA Program

WEST BEIRUT - RAMI DOUEIRI - MOHAMMAD CHAMAS - ROLA AL AMIN - CARMEN LOUBBOS - JOSEPH BOU NASSAR - LEILA KARAM - MAHMOUD MARSOUT - HASSAN FARHAT

sound editor ULRIKE LAUB editor DOMINIQUE MARCOMBE sound NICOLAS CANTIN and THIERRY SABATIER producers RACHID BOUCHARB and JEAN BRÉHAT

original music STEWART COPELAND director of photography RICARDO JACQUES GALE written and directed by ZIAD DOUEIRI



WEST BEIRUT

Director Ziad Doueiri

Cast Rami Doueiri, Naamar Sahli, Mohamad Shamas, Rola Al Amin

Year 1998

Country Lebanon

Runtime 95 minutes

Language Arabic/ French with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons aged 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

In April 1975, Beirut is torn by civil war, dividing the city along Muslim-Christian lines, and high schooler Tarek and his friend Omar initially treat the chaos as an adventure, making Super 8 films and daringly crossing from West to East Beirut. As Tarek matures, family tensions rise, and the war shifts from a thrilling escapade to a grim reality.

This August, the Lebanese Film Festival Australia brings oscar nominated director Ziad Doueiri's retrospective gem, "West Beirut," back to the screen.

Date

Friday, 16 August

Time

8.00pm

Venue

The Theatre, Bankstown Sports Club

[Trailer](#)

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FEATURE
Drama | Comedy | Retrospective

DOM4DO PRODUCTION

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MINISTERO DELLA CULTURA



THE GOAT

a film by **ILARIA BORRELLI**



In saving her village she saves herself



MIRA SORVINO

JOHN SAVAGE

AMR SAAD

SAYED RAGAB

MAYA TALEM

NELLY KARIM

JESSICA HOSSAM

ALMA FREDDI

Production Designer AHMED FAYEZ Costume Designer ANDREA SORRENTINO Makeup artist VITTORIO SODANO Composer ANDREA GUERRA Director Of Photography DAVID VLASITS Executive Producers ISLAM EL DAKHAKHNY, AHMED DAKHAKHNY, ANDREW SUGERMAN Produced by DOMINIQUE THOMAS, ANDREA MAFFINI Written And Directed by ILARIA BORRELLI Worldwide Distribution Arab Motion Fz-lIc

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THE GOAT

Director Ilaria Borrelli
Cast Mira Sorvino, John Savage, Amr Saad
Year 2024
Country France/Italy
Runtime 90 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 18 years and over. Strictly no children allowed.

Synopsis

"The Goat," written and directed by Borrelli, follows 12-year-old Hadiya as she risks her life to find her father and save her desert village from a threatening corporation. Surviving on her goat's milk, she feels a spiritual connection to her late mother. This co-production involves Egypt's Agora Media Production, France's Domedo Productions, Italy's Orange Media, Lebanon's Cedars Art Production, and the U.S. company Pantheon Entertainment, with support from Italy's culture ministry.

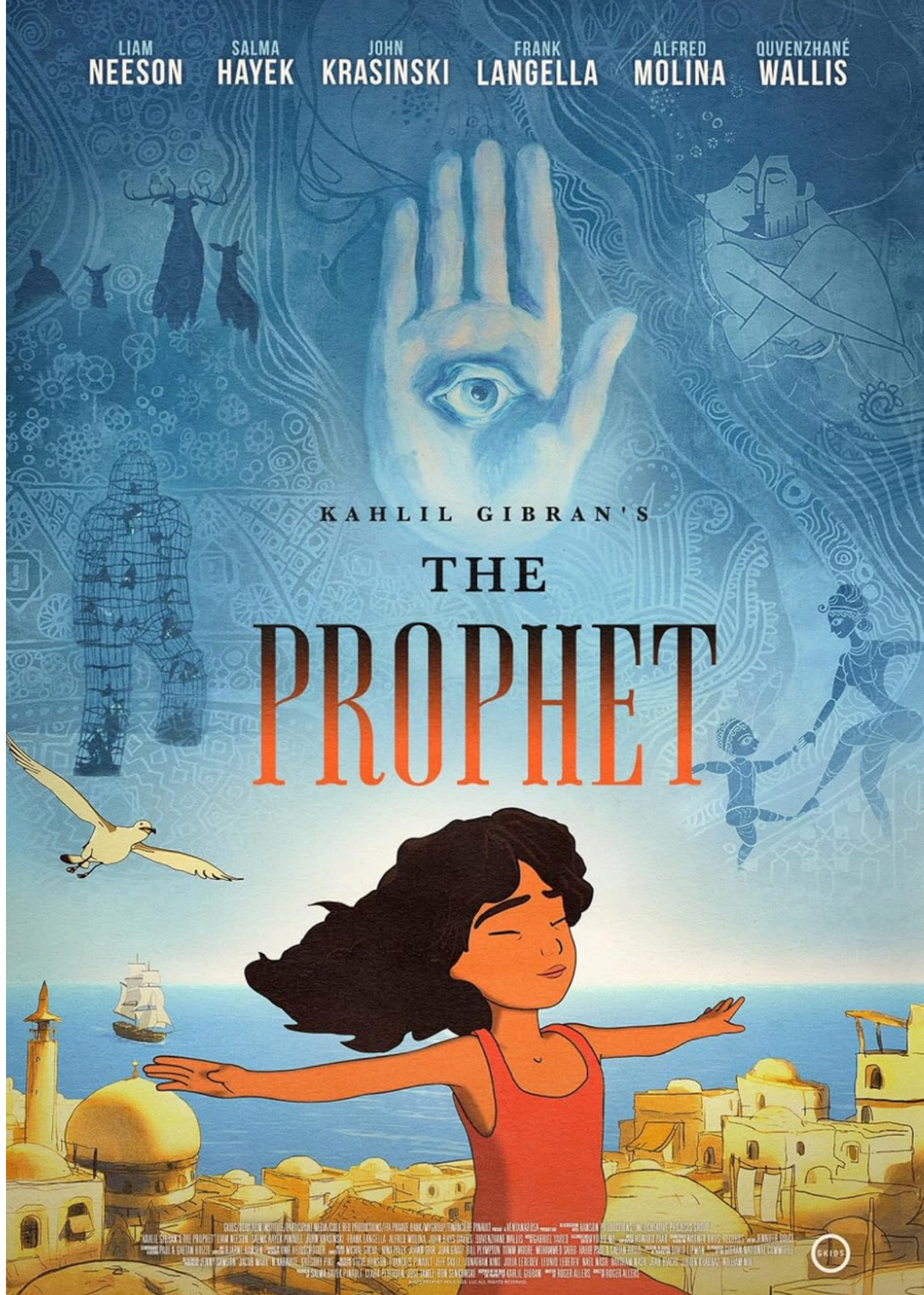
Trigger Warning: This film contains scenes depicting a young girl in a life-threatening situation, references to arranged marriage, child abuse, and emotional distress, which may be disturbing to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised.

Date Friday, 23 August
Time 8.30pm
Venue HOYTS Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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Drama
FEATURE



LIAM NEESON

SALMA HAYEK

JOHN KRASINSKI

FRANK LANGELLA

ALFRED MOLINA

QUVENZHANE WALLIS

KAHLIL GIBRAN'S

THE PROPHET

KAHLIL GIBRAN'S THE PROPHET

Director Roger Allers

Cast Liam Neeson, Salma Hayek-Pinault, John Krasinski

Year 2014

Country Lebanon

Runtime 85 minutes

Language English

Classification Restricted to persons aged 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Based on Lebanese philosopher Kahlil Gibran's famous book, "The Prophet," this animated film follows exiled artist and poet Mustafa on his journey home with his housekeeper and her daughter. As they travel, they must evade authorities who fear that Mustafa's powerful words will spark a rebellion. The Lebanese Film Festival Australia is bringing this captivating animation back to the screens.

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 29 August*	8.00pm	The Theatre, Bankstown Sports Club

*LFF Retrospective, the film celebrates 10 years since its debut and was premiered at LFF in 2014.

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Animation | Philosophy | Retrospective

FEATURE

Georges DIAB Daad RIZK Georges SOUKHALIL Sibam HADDAD

Aida SARRA

Special Appearance

Pierre BARBAT

Dory AL SAMADANI

Wisam SAHBA

Myrian ELISE

Badih ABOU CHAKRA

Touq BALOOD

DREAM DOX

presents

المطلوبين

WANTED

Written and Directed by Nibal ARAKJI



WANTED

Director	Nibal Arakji
Cast	Walid Arakji, Badih Abou Chakra, Georges Diab
Year	2019
Country	Lebanon
Runtime	90 minutes
Language	Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 18 years and over. Strictly no children allowed.

Synopsis

Wanted is a very human comedy about four old people who run away from a nursing home in the name of love and solidarity. The Lebanese Film Festival Australia is thrilled to bring back this popular comedy from our 2019 program.

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 21 August*	8.00pm	The Theatre, Bankstown Sports Club

*Back by Popular Demand and LFF Audience favourite

[Trailer](#)

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FEATURE
Drama | Comedy | Retrospective

FEATURE

Animation | Philosophy | Retrospective

TV SOCIETY

Director Robert Cremona

Cast Fouad Yammine, Betty Taoutel, Razane Jammal

Year 2020

Country Lebanon

Runtime 74 minutes

Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons aged 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

A charismatic TV personality becomes the nation's most controversial figure as he hosts the Arabic version of a daring dating show where women take the lead in choosing their partners. Written, narrated, and performed by Fouad Yammine, 'TV Society' follows his personal journey of self-discovery as he navigates societal backlash and uncovers his true role amid the turmoil.

This film is based on real events and premiered at the Cairo International Film Festival.

Date	Time	Venue
Sunday, 25 August	8.30pm	HOYTS Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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TV SOCIETY

عالم التلفزيون

A KABREET PRODUCTIONS PICTURE STARRING FOUAD YAMMINE WITH RAZANE JAMMAL AND BETTY TAOUTEL
LEA CREMONA CHARLES CREMONA MARIYAN EL MASSRY ALI SAAD CHAANG HASSHO ANDRE LICHA EL KHOURY AND AMYAHAD KAMAL
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY FADI KASSEM ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY AND TALENT COORDINATOR LEA CREMONA
EDITING SONIA HALICHO DANIEL GONZALEZ COSTUME DESIGNER RAJWA HIREBKA SEBASTIAN TESCH ANSAB FEREICHI
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS CHRISTIAN BOU CHAYAT LUCIEN BOU CHAYAT AND-JEAN BOU CHAYAT PETER DAHER
WRITTEN BY FOUAD YAMMINE DIRECTED BY ROBERT CREMONA PRODUCED BY KABREET PRODUCTIONS

KABREET

FOUAD
YAMMINE

RAZANE
JAMMAL

BETTY
TAOUTEL

THE SOIL AND THE SEA

Director Daniele Rugo
Cast N/A - Documentary
Year 2023
Country Lebanon
Runtime 75 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

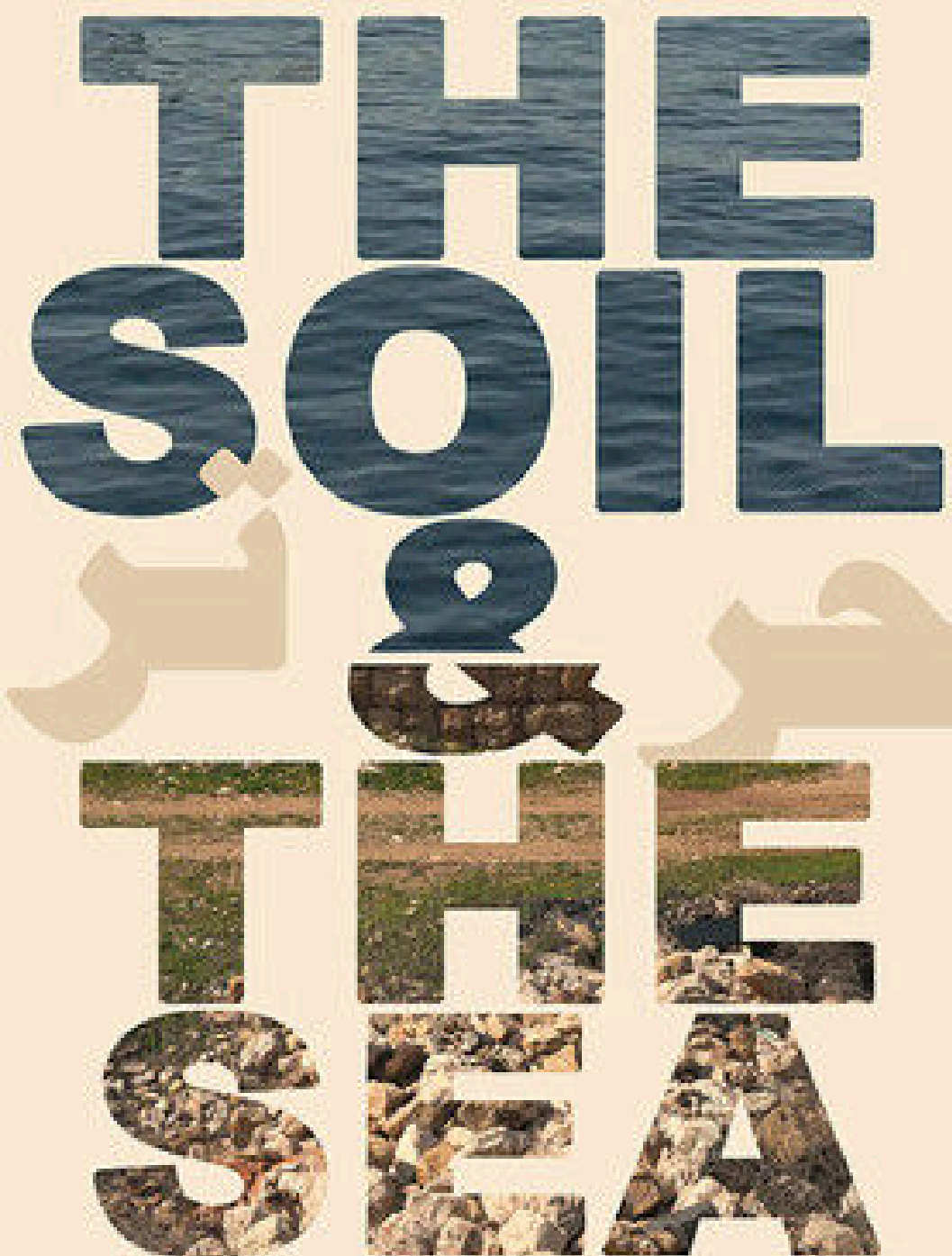
Beneath Lebanon's tranquil gardens, schools, cafes, and hotels lie over 100 untouched mass graves from the Civil War, each hiding the remains of thousands still waiting to be mourned. 'The Soil and the Sea' unearths the silent violence beneath these ordinary landscapes, letting the voices of the past fill the spaces once forgotten.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday 24, August	12.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

[Trailer](#)

[Marketing Material](#)



A FILM BY DANIELE RUGO

"THE WHITE SEA" IS WRITTEN AND VOICED BY ELIAS KHOURY

PRODUCED BY CARMEN HASSOUN ABOU JAOUDE DANIELE RUGO ASSOCIATE PRODUCERS SABINE SALIBA DIMA SMAIRA MUSIC BY YARA ASMAR
 ASSISTANT PRODUCING YARA EL MORR BASSEL BOU MONSEF EDITOR PARADIGM STUDIO EXECUTIVE PRODUCER NICOLAS SOBRELATI

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ABOUT PRODUCTIONS AND GOGOGO FILMS PRESENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH MAD SOLUTIONS



متل قصصنا DIARIES FROM LEBANON

A FILM BY
MYRIAM EL HAJJ

DOCUMENTARY

Director Myriam El Hajj
Cast Joumana Haddad, Georges Moufarej, Perla Joe Maalouli
Year 2024
Country Lebanon, France, Qatar, KSA
Runtime 110 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

'Diaries from Lebanon' captures four years of national upheaval through the filmmaker's personal diaries, revealing a country's struggle to break free from its own chains. Amidst the chaos, individual stories of resilience and search for meaning emerge. Can dreams endure when the world is falling apart?

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 27 August	7.00pm	HOYTS Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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CINEMATOGRAPHY JIHAD SAADE MYRIAM EL HAJJ MOHAMED SIAM MUSIC COMPOSER MARC CODSI COLORIST PAUL CHAMPART SOUND DESIGNER THOMAS ROBERT SOUND MIXING JEAN GUY VERAN
EDITED BY ANITA PEREZ ADDITIONAL EDITING STEPHANIE SICARD PRODUCED BY MYRIAM SASSINE AND CARINE RUSZNIEWSKI WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY MYRIAM EL HAJJ



AWARD WINNING

IN THE SHADOW OF BEIRUT



IRELAND'S SELECTION FOR OSCARS® 2024
- INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM -

THE FILM IS ALSO COMPETING IN THE DOCUMENTARY FEATURE CATEGORY OF OSCARS® 2024

IN THE SHADOW OF BEIRUT

Director Stephen Gerard Kelly and Garry Keane

Cast N/A - Documentary

Year 2023

Country Lebanon, Ireland

Runtime 92 minutes

Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

In the Shadow of Beirut weaves these four compelling storylines together in a searing portrait of a people and a city struggling to survive amidst some of the most difficult living conditions imaginable.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday 24, August*	2.15pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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DOCUMENTARY



REYNARD FILMS AND ABOUT PRODUCTIONS
PRESENT

على
DANCING
ON THE حافة
EDGE
OF A
VOLCANO
البركان

A FILM BY فيلم من إخراج
Cyril Aris
سيريل عرييس

REYNARD FILMS AND ABOUT PRODUCTIONS IN ASSOCIATION WITH NADIA LEHAL HAS IN CO-PRODUCTION WITH CINEMA DEFACITO, LASTOR MEDIA, FOX IN THE SNOW FILMS, SNOWLABOR, BARENTS FILM
"DANCING ON THE EDGE OF A VOLCANO" A FILM BY CYRIL ARIS EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JOE SAADE AND CYRIL ARIS COSTUME DESIGNER NAHAR BEN RAHMEH AND CYRIL ARIS COSTUME DESIGNER VICTOR BRESSE
EDITED BY LAMA SAMRAH MUSIC BY ANTHONY SARTOUM PRODUCTION DESIGNER KATHARINA WESER AND MYRIAM GASSINE DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY CYRIL ARIS EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SALAU MORISSET



DANCING ON THE EDGE OF A VOLCANO

Director Cyril Aris
Cast Mounia Akl
Year 2023
Country Germany, Lebanon
Runtime 87 minutes
Language Arabic/French with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

In the wake of Beirut's devastating August 4th, 2020 explosion, a film crew grapples with a crucial decision: continue shooting their film amid chaos or succumb to the spreading crises? "Dancing on the Edge of the Volcano" captures their fierce determination to make films in a broken city.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday 24, August*	10.30am	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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DOCUMENTARY

الثالث الرحابنة

فيلم لـ فيروز سرحال



مديرة تصوير ألين عويس | مونتاج ريمون أفتيموس | تصميم صوت
وميكساج هينم عتمة | مديرة إنتاج مارينا شما | منتجة منفذة نور جروس
منتجان سينتيا شقير وديمثري خضر | كتابة وإخراج فيروز سرحال

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الوثائقية
Aljazeera Documentary

THE THIRD RAHBANI

Director	Fayrouz Serhal
Cast	N/A - Documentary
Year	2023
Country	Lebanon
Runtime	80 minutes
Language	Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

The Third of the Rahbanis chronicles the extraordinary journey of the late Lebanese composer Elias El Rahbani, who carved his own unique path distinct from his renowned brothers, Assi and Mansour. Elias's innovative compositions and collaborations have left an indelible mark on the Arab music world, cementing his legacy as a visionary artist.

Date	Time	Venue
Sunday 25, August	6.00pm	HOYTS Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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DOCUMENTARY



TOXIC HOPE UN FILM DE SALIM SAAB

فيلم
لسليم
صعب

AVEC: ABOU EL ABED - CLARA MENDELEK
- DOMINA - JOY EAYAD - LAMA EL AMINE -
MARIA AZAR - PETRA HAWI - SUP-C -
WALID CHMAIT SAAB - WOSQUL KADIRI

TOXIC HOPE

Director Salim Saab

Cast N/A

Year 2022

Country Lebanon

Runtime 41 minutes

Language Arabic/French with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Does hope still have a place in Lebanon? Despite enduring countless crises, wars, and social divides, a flicker of hope remains—sometimes toxic, often elusive. In "Toxic Hope," Salim Saab interviews activists, artists, and everyday citizens, exploring what hope means in a country fraught with turmoil. Will the spirit of the October 2019 revolt reignite their belief in a better future?

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday 19, August*	9.00pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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DOCUMENTARY



A DOCUMENTARY FOR **SAMIR YOUSSEF**

THE LAST LETTER

آخر رسالة

PRODUCER: **CELINE SABBAGH** SENIOR EDITOR: **ANTHONY JOUNDARIAN**
CINEMATOGRAPHER: **ELSSY KHALIL** DIRECTOR: **TONI NEHME**
SPECIAL THANKS: **JOHN DAKKAN - KHALED ARAB - JUDY SABA - RAFLE KHOURY**

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THE LAST LETTER

Director Toni Nehme
Cast N/A - Documentary
Year 2024
Country Lebanon, Australia
Runtime 53 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

"The Last Letter" follows Albert Saba and Souhaila El Daher, who married after emigrating from southern Lebanon to Australia in 1954. Seventy years later, their emotional return to Lebanon, captured by MTV cameras, sees them reconnecting with villages, friends, and memories they left behind. This heartwarming documentary explores their enduring connection to their homeland and the touching journey of forgiveness, going back to their roots.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday 18, August	3.00pm	Western Sydney University, Bankstown

[Trailer](#)

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DOCUMENTARY

Le fil du souvenir
The Thread of Remembrance
خيط الذكريات



A Film By
Stephanie El Khoury

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THE THREAD OF REMEMBRANCE

Director Stephanie El Khoury
Cast N/A - Animation
Year 2023
Country Canada, Lebanon
Runtime 3 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

When the present moment is caught between sharpness and degeneration, a young woman and her grandmother attempt to keep alive the legacy of memory through the poignancy of remembrance.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday, 24 August*	6.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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SHORT
Drama | Animation

A SHORT DOCUMENTARY BY CARL HADDAD

تَالِتْ مَرَّةً بِمَوْت

STILL GRIEVING



ULFAFZ A FILM BY CARL HADDAD WITH GHADA FAYEZ SULTAN AND BECHARA ATALLAH
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JAD SLEIMAN SOUND DESIGN JOHN PAUL JALWAN SOUND ENGINEER GADDY KAMEL PRODUCED BY STEPHANO ROUHANA
SUPERVISED BY DANIELLE DAVIE MILAD TAUQ

STILL GRIEVING

Director Carl Haddad
Cast Ghada Sultan, Bechara Atallah
Year 2023
Country Lebanon
Runtime 29 minutes
Language Arabic and French with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Left in a 400sqm house, a grieving sixty-year-old lady is forced to let go of her memories and her father's legacy.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday, 24 August*	7.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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Biography | Drama
SHORT

CANARY IN A COAL MINE

عصفور كشاف



A FILM BY
DWAN KAOUKJI

WITH JOSEF AKIKI FADI ABI SAMRA AHMAD GHOSSEIN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER JOSEF KHALLOUF CINEMATOGRAPHER POL SEIF EDITOR SIMON HABRE

SOUND DESIGN AND MIXING VICTOR BRESSE SOUND ENGINEER BASSAM LEBBOS PRODUCTION DESIGNER RIME AL JABR PRODUCTION MANAGER JAD NEHMEH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR MELISSA KARAM

COLORIST COBALT FILMS GRAPHICS JOSEF KHALLOUF WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY DWAN KAOUKJI

FILMONK

CANARY IN A COAL MINE

Director	Dwan Kaoukji
Cast	Josef Akiki, Ahmad Ghossein, Fadi Abu Samra
Year	2023
Country	Lebanon
Runtime	20 minutes
Language	Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

In a remote Lebanese village, Anis pretends to be a thief to save himself during a break-in. Forced to help the burglars move his aunt's valuables, he faces an unexpected twist the next day upon locating the police station. This dark comedy highlights the pervasive corruption in Lebanon and the absurd complicity of its citizens.

Date	Time	Venue
Saturday, 24 August*	4.25pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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Dark Comedy
SHORT

A film by Marilyn Atallah

Heaven on Earth

الجنة على الأرض

DIRECTOR: MARILYN ATALLAH | DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: EDDY CHEKRALLAH
EDITOR: MARILYN ATALLAH | COLOR AND GRADING: EDDY CHEKRALLAH | GRAPHICS: BOB EID

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Bonheur du Ciel



Heaven on Earth

Director Marilyn Gaby Atallah
Cast N/A - Documentary
Year 2023
Country Lebanon
Runtime 14 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Father Majdi's unwavering dedication to "Saadet Sama" transforms the lives of struggling youth, including William, whose journey from addiction to hope showcases the Father's profound impact. Amidst a crumbling economy, Father Majdi's relentless efforts continue to inspire and uplift a community in need.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	3.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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Documentary | Faith
SHORT

SHORT

Drama

PICTURE

Director Hussein Haidar

Cast Manal Issa, Hussein Haidar

Year 2023

Country Lebanon

Runtime 2 minutes

Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Amidst the chaos of war, a Palestinian family attempts to capture a birthday photo, cherishing a fleeting moment of joy and resilience. This one-minute short film poignantly portrays their determination to find light in the darkest of times.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday 24, August	3.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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A FILM BY ELIANE ZOUËIN



CLAUDE BAZZ كلود باز JOSEPH SASSINE جوزيف ساسين
CHRIS HADDAD BEATRICE KHARALLAH NASSIB SEBAALY LAYALE EL GHOSSEN
ليال الغوسين نسيب السبعلي بياتريس خيال الله كريس حداد



لأنه لا أمي إلا لك

PRODUCTION MANAGER MARIANNE ZOUËIN BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CHRIS AMOURY DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY ROY BOU DOLEH
CAMERA OPERATOR MICHEL ABOU KHERRI FOCUS PULLER HELHEH AM FARAH ACTING COACH MOUWER CHALLITA ART DIRECTOR LARA KAADY
STYLIST GEORGES RICHANE SOUND ENGINEER AND CASCAER GEDDY KAMEL MUSIC COMPOSER JAD OBEID

OUMNYA

Director Elie Maroun Zouein
Cast Claude Baz, Joseph Sassine
Year 2022
Country Lebanon
Runtime 8 minutes
Language Arabic with English Subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

In "Oumnya," a mother dreams of a happy family life, but reality paints a starkly different picture. This short film explores her struggle between aspiration and the harsh truths of her everyday existence.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	3.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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SHORT
Drama



ALL CLOCKS STUCK IN THE DRAWER

Drama
SHORT

Director Jane Ghazal
Cast Mirna Bou Abboud
Year 2023
Country Lebanon
Runtime 10 minutes
Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

"All Clocks Stopped in the Drawer" follows Jana's urgent quest to bury her younger brother, starting from the hospital where she has just one day to make arrangements.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday 24, August	6.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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WRITTEN BY JANE GHAZAL & MARIE BELLE SALIBA STARRING MIRNA BOU ABBOUD DIRECTED BY JANE GHAZAL
PRODUCED BY MARIE BELLE SALIBA PRODUCTION MANAGER MICHELE AZAR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ANDREW DAWAF
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY MELHEM ABI FARAH SOUND ENGINEER JOVANI DIB ART DIRECTOR KAREN ASSAF EDITOR LYNN SALLOUM

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Throupled waters (Eau trouple)

A film by Charbel Kamel

THROUPLLED WATERS

Director Charbel Kamel

Cast Odette Makhlouf, Farah Al Samman, Rana Amoudi

Year 2023

Country Lebanon

Runtime 4 minutes

Language Silent film

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

"Throupled Waters," an experimental silent film by Charbel Kamel, delves into the intertwined lives and complex emotions of three women navigating the depths of love and connection without the use of dialogue.

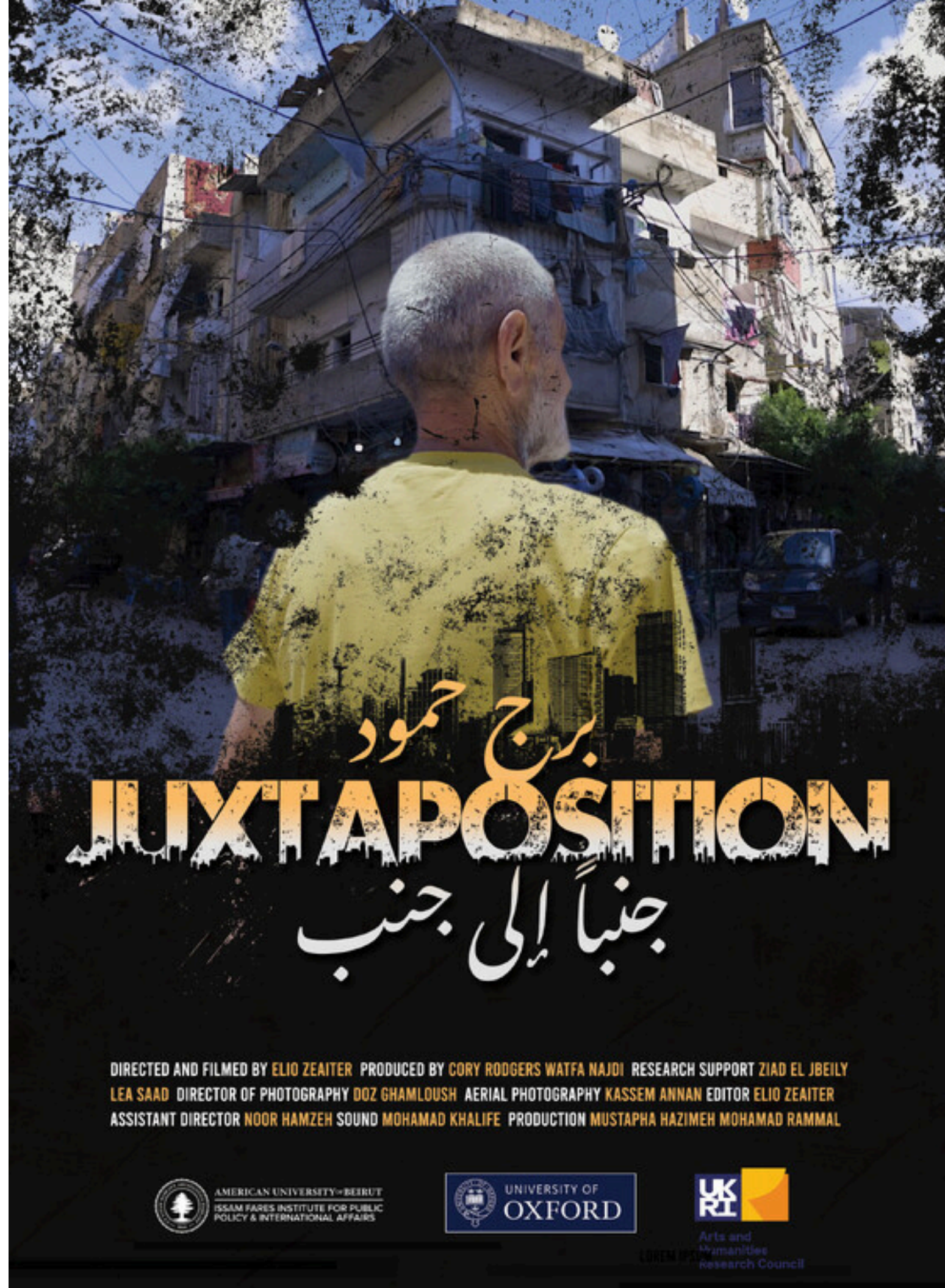
Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	6.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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SHORT
Experimental | Silent



JUXTAPOSITION

Director Elio Zeaiter
Cast N/A - Documentary
Year 2024
Country Lebanon
Runtime 22 minutes
Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

"Juxtaposition" is a short documentary that delves into the contrasting cultural tapestry of Bourj Hammoud, Beirut's vibrant Armenian enclave.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday 24, August	7.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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Documentary | Anthropology
SHORT

DIRECTED AND FILMED BY ELIO ZEAITER PRODUCED BY CORY RODGERS WATFA NAJDI RESEARCH SUPPORT ZIAD EL JBEILY
LEA SAAD DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY DOZ GHAMLOUSH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY KASSEM ANNAN EDITOR ELIO ZEAITER
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NOOR HAMZEH SOUND MOHAMAD KHALIFE PRODUCTION MUSTAPHA HAZIMEH MOHAMAD RAMMAL



SHORT

Drama

LEGACY

Director	Hussein Mohammad Hijazi
Cast	Mohammad Fouani
Year	2024
Country	Lebanon
Runtime	15 minutes
Language	Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Amid Lebanon's dire social and economic conditions, Rabih desperately needs money to hospitalise his father after politicians have stolen citizens' savings. Will Rabih's quest for survival reveal the harsh realities faced by many Lebanese today?

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	6.30pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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LEGACY

ميراث

AURORA PRODUCTION PRESENTS
WRITTEN AND DIRECTED BY HUSSEIN HIJAZI PRODUCERS RABIH FAWAZ AND HUSSEIN HIJAZI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND EDITOR KINAN AKKAD
CINEMATOGRAPHER HADI RAGHDA PRODUCTION MANAGER AND SET DESIGNER RAJWAN AL SABEH MUSIC COMPOSER JACK BERRO
CAST SAEED BARAKAT MOHAMMAD FOUANI RABIH FAWAZ ALI HIJAZI

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Director Hussen Ibraheem
Cast Hadi Jibbawi, Jade Breidi, Charbel Kamel
Year 2022
Country Lebanon, France, Germany, Qatar
Runtime 15 minutes
Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

On a sunny day in the Lebanese mountains, 11-year-old Firas challenges traditional expectations during a bird-hunting trip with his father and a friend.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday 24, August	4.25pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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Drama
SHORT

With Jade Breidi, Charbel Kamel, Hadi Jibbawi

Writer/Director Hussen Ibraheem Director of Photography Julien Saez Editor Kamal El Mallakh
Sound Recordist Saoussen Tatah Music Sharif sehnaoui Sound Design Victor Bresse Sound Edit Kinda El Hassan
Color grading Alexandra Pocquet Recording mixer Adrian Lo, Michael Kaczmarek
Camera Assistant Hugo Bottin Gaffer Silvio Belviso Sound Assistant Valentin Sampietro
Assistant Director Ameen Nayfeh Line producer Hortense Maunoury Producer Tania El Khoury

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IF THE SUN DROWNED INTO AN OCEAN OF CLOUDS

SHORT
Drama | Comedy

Director Wissam Charaf

Cast Katia Khazak, Raed Yassin, Rodrigue Sleiman, Said Serhan

Year 2024

Country Lebanon/ France

Runtime 20 minutes

Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

In Beirut, Lebanon, security agent Raed guards a waterfront construction site, where daily encounters challenge his perception—are they mere dreams or symbols of his desires?

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	9.00pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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Drama
SHORT

TWO TICKETS

Director Mazen haj Kassem
Cast Brice Fournier, Martin Baucher, Marie Bredow
Year 2024
Country Denmark/France
Runtime 19 minutes
Language French with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Martin's routine life and nostalgic memories are disrupted when he unexpectedly wins two tickets, sparking potential changes without anticipating the challenges ahead.

Date	Time	Venue
Sunday 25, August	3.00pm	Western Sydney University, Bankstown

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TWO TICKETS

BRICE FOURNIER

A Film By
Mazen Haj Kassem

SOON

SHORT

Drama | Comedy

I AM A CHEF

Director Andrew Dawaf

Cast Christelle Rmeily, Mirna Bou Abboud, Joy Frem

Year 2023

Country Lebanon

Runtime 7 minutes

Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

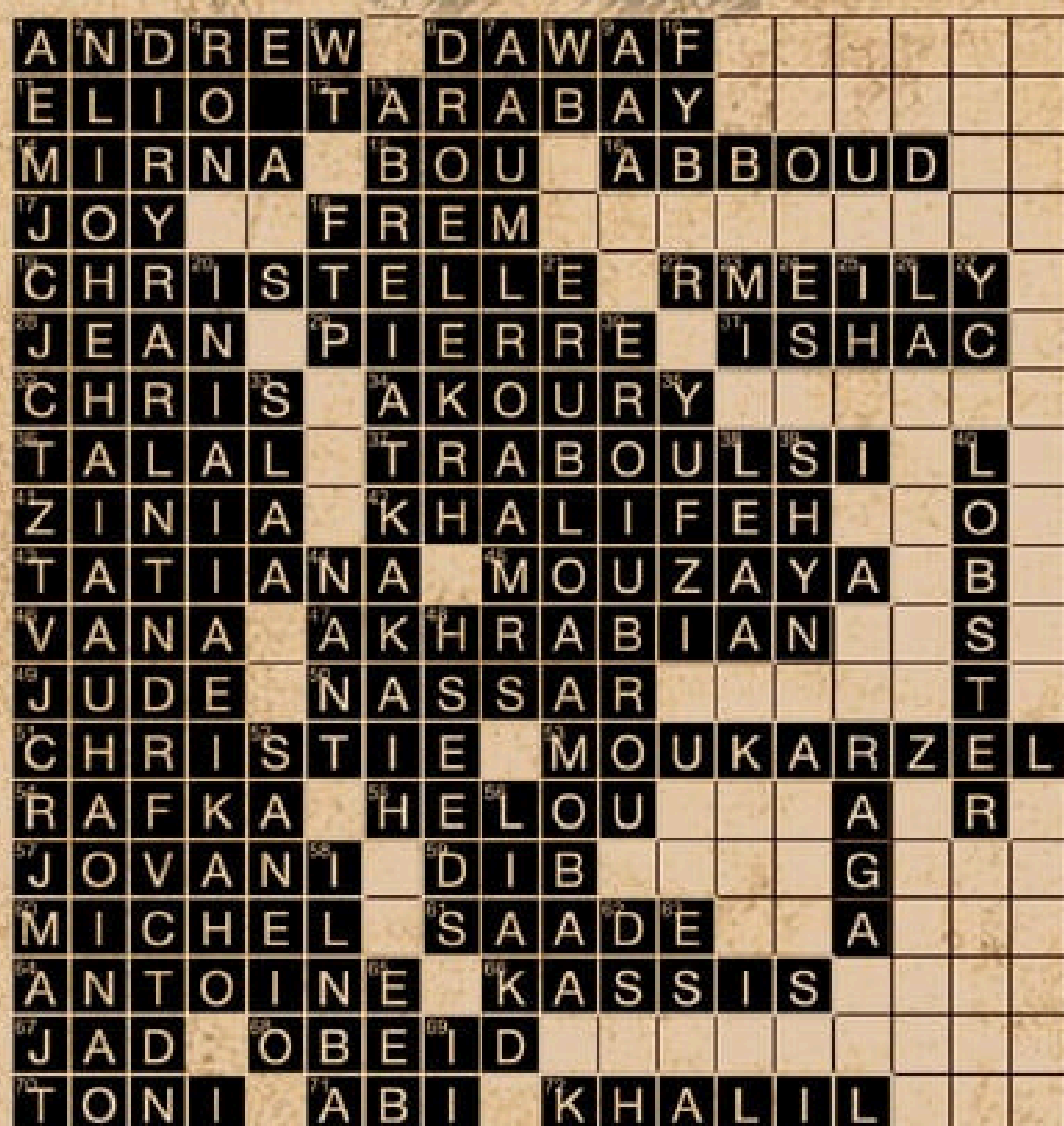
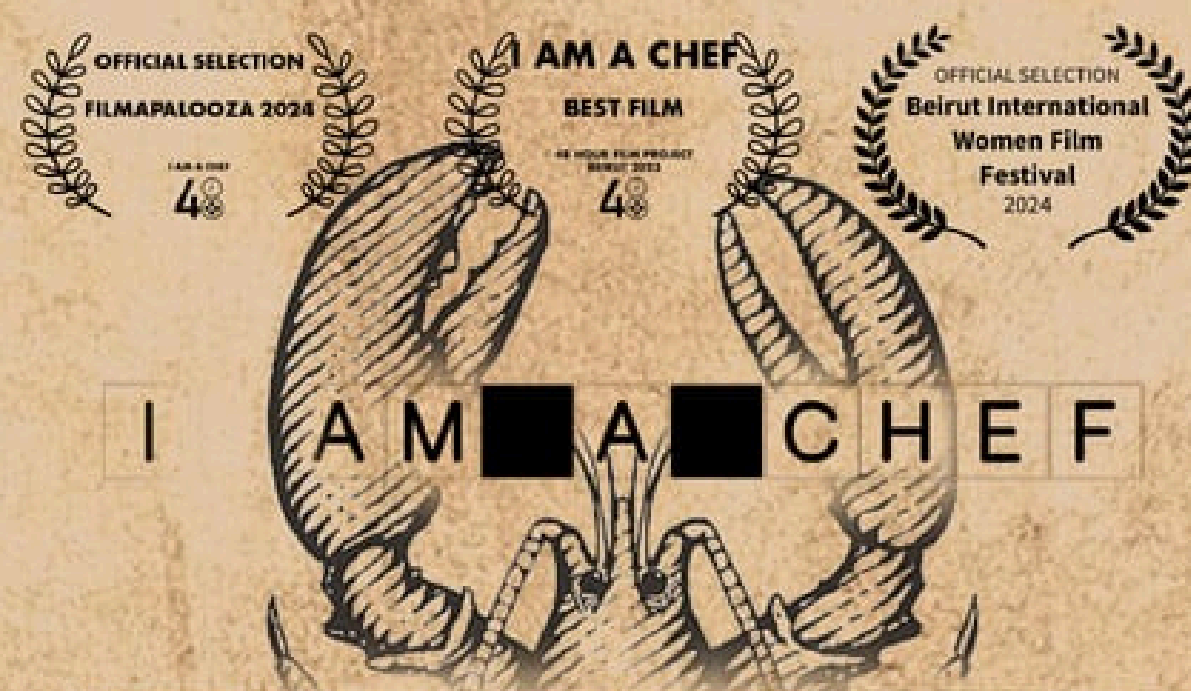
Mistaken as chefs, Hala and Farah embark on an absurd journey of having to cook a lobster to make an extra amount of cash.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	4.25pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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SEEDS of GOLD

بذور من الذهب



VIOLETTE AYAD SIMON ELRAHI NOLA BARTOLO ANTONY MAKHLOUF VIVIANE MAKHLOUF DEBORAH GALANOS
ANTOINETTE BARBOUTTIS MUSIC BY PAUL NICOLAOU COSTUME DESIGNER TESS TORRISI EDITOR LACHLAN CLARKE
PRODUCTION DESIGNER MELINDA CLUER EXECUTIVE PRODUCER HENRIETTE GABREAL PRODUCED BY NICHOLAS NALBANDIAN EXECUTIVE PRODUCER TENIOLA KOMOLAFE
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER NOLA BARTOLO SCREENPLAY BY JAMES ELAZZI PRODUCED BY JAMES ELAZZI AMANDA TORRISI
DIRECTED BY JAMES ELAZZI ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AMANDA TORRISI

SEEDS OF GOLD

Director James El-Azzi
Cast Violette Ayad, Simon Elrahi, Nola Bartolo, Deborah Galanos
Year 2024
Country Australia
Runtime 14 minutes
Language English

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

Salifa and her mother, Marta, have left behind the chaos of the Lebanese civil war in 1977 to start a new life in rural NSW Australia. They struggle on a farm, until rumours start swirling about the discovery of gold on the farm.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	5.50pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

*LFF Short & Documentary program; complimentary event, registrations required

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Drama
SHORT



CONDOM HUNTERS

Director Marc Basset

Cast Salma Chalabi, Victoria Aoun, Hiba Chahine, Marc Basset

Year 2023

Country Lebanon

Runtime 10 minutes

Language Arabic with English subtitles

Classification Restricted to persons 15 years and older unless accompanied by an adult

Synopsis

An incident in a pharmacy reveals that a conservative daughter, a married man, and a sexually active young adult have the same goal. This short and witty film served as a media campaign in Lebanon to promote awareness.

Date	Time	Venue
*Saturday, 24 August	4.25pm	Bankstown Arts Centre

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SHORT
Drama | Comedy