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MAYA DE FREIGE - President of Fondation Liban Cinema

Energy of change...

Since October 2019, Lebanon has been experiencing an unprecedented social, economic and financial crisis impacting all cultural and creative actors who generate significant activities, especially economic ones, in the country.

Unfortunately, the film industry is not spared.

Film production has been impacted, suspended for lack of funds, filming delayed, film release postponed, all of this implying a substantial loss of earnings for professionals in the sector,

and the flight of talent from the industry in search of new horizons.

Add to this the Corona pandemic and the planetary lockdown that made the world stop turning.

And then the cataclysm of August 4 happened!

And the double explosion that shook the port of Beirut finally brought down the multiple independent players and companies in the sector, the neighborhoods surrounding the scene of the tragedy welcoming many creators and artists.

However, in difficult times, artists respond by transforming their experiences into greater creativity.

In the aftermath of the blast, the filmmakers immortalized these appalling moments, and witnessed the tragic minute 6.07 and its consequences on an entire bruised city, a whole population wounded at its core, families separated from their loved ones, a heritage torn apart, an artistic community touched deep in its heart, an entire population traumatized, and that will remain so for a long time to come..

It is in this most difficult environment amplified by the lack of recognition of the wealth of the creative industry that the professionals, supported by the energy of the civil society actors who still believe in the potential of the audiovisual sector and the support of friendly countries, perpetuate the tradition in the 7^{th} art.

And the successes are there! 4 films were selected in various sections of the Berlinale: "Memory Box" by Joana Hadjithomas & Khalil Joreige, in competition; "Death of a Virgin, and The Sin of Not Living" by George Peter Barbari; "Miguel's War" by Eliane Raheb at the Panorama; and "All of Your Stars are But Dust on my Shoes" by Haig Aivazian at the Forum Expanded.

And a film selected for La Quinzaine des Réalisateurs at the Cannes Film Festival: "The sea Ahead", Ely Dagher's first feature film.

Lebanon produces intelligence and passion; cultural diversity is the wealth of this country and is its main message. We need to build on the positive development of the Lebanese film industry up to 2019 (see study conducted by the Lebanese Institute of Finance Basil Fuleihan).

It is therefore today more than ever essential, in a context of unprecedented crisis, to send strong messages, to retain the emigration of creative talents, to give them back the desire and the capacity to create and not only to survive, to rethink and relaunch a new creative economy, to pave the way and encourage the productive sectors which carry the hope of a possible crisis recovery.



FONDATION LIBAN CINEMA- FLC

The "Fondation Liban Cinéma" (FLC) is a non-profit private association whose objective is to participate in the development of cinema industry in Lebanon, through the support of creation, production and promotion of films, on the local and international level.

Since its creation, FLC is present in several areas, and via its activities it plays a federating role in the Lebanese audiovisual sector. The Board of Administration is formed of cinema professionals, financial experts and management executives.

FLC is distinguished by its strategic vision to develop a successful industrial creative sector, that generates a high turnover, jobs and most importantly visibility to Lebanon. Official cooperation links Fondation Liban Cinema to public authorities giving her the mandate to negotiate coproduction agreements, to attract investments in the media field and help the film industry grow and compete.

FONDATION LIBAN CINEMA OBJECTIVES:

- Supporting the development of a competitive Lebanese film industry
- Professionalizing and structuring the sector
- Financing the development of the local film industry with a high level of quality and controlled budgets
- Establishing Lebanon as a prominent international production location
- Facilitating local film production
- Promoting the Lebanese cinema industry locally and abroad
- Preserving Lebanese audiovisual heritage
- Restoring and showcasing audiovisual archives.
- Collecting data and elaborating studies to propose public accompanying measures necessary for the development of the sector.

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THE INSTITUT DES FINANCES BASIL FULEIHAN LAMIA MOUBAYED BISSAT - President of the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan

The year 2021, was declared International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development at the 74th United Nations General Assembly. A long-awaited recognition that the diverse and multifaceted creative economy, is a lever capable of helping developing countries diversify their production and their exports. It is also a recognition that these industries are intrinsically linked to the achievement of the 2030 agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, as they contribute to employment,

growth, education, vocational training, citizenship, conflict prevention, gender equality and the creation of a local identity.

In this context, it is a great honor for the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan to present the study it has conducted with the support of the Institut Français of the French Embassy in Beirut and the French Development Agency on the contribution of creative and cultural industries to the Lebanese economy. The study drew an economic panorama of the CCIs, identified the structural, regulatory and fiscal obstacles that hinder their growth, provided supporting data of their contribution to the Lebanese economy between 2016 and 2019, with an in-depth analysis of the theater, festivals, film, jewelry, music streaming, and video games sectors. It also laid the foundation for a public policy for their revival and suggested courses of action to be undertaken by the international community to support this sector.

The study showed that the CCI contribute twice as much as agriculture to the creation of wealth in Lebanon and as much as the construction sector. It estimated the potential creative population at 360,000 (20% of the workforce) if artisans and skilled workers employed in support activities were included in the count. It also highlighted that the CCIs were dramatically impacted by the triple economic, health and security crisis, and above all the blast of the Beirut port, plunging them into negative growth rates from 2019 onwards and draining Lebanon of its outstanding talents, concluding that they are today ENDANGERED and that immediate action is required to help them regain their potential as major drivers of growth and social development.

At IOF we believe that the devastated economic and social situation in Lebanon requires a new model of economic and social development. We believe that the current crisis should be seen as an opportunity to redesign Lebanon's production model, but also to establish strong grounds for the creative and cultural industries and fight against the sector's precariousness and informal employment.

This new model would be based on the lifeblood of Lebanon, particularly its youth and creativity as a main resource, a renewable, sustainable, limitless resource, and one of the country's major assets for a healthy reintegration into the commercial and financial circuits of globalization.

We believe that Lebanon's recovery requires the safeguard and growth of cultural and creative industries that generate wealth, jobs and exports in a context of depleted economy, and build on the unique characteristics

of Lebanon: a cultural beacon of the Arab world, a haven of freedom of expression and a refuge for artists of the region.

Indeed, Lebanon's rich cultural heritage, with its values, its wealth of monuments and sites and its creative diversity of traditions, crafts, arts, architecture, literature, languages, theatre, films and music, not only reflects our past but also shapes our present and builds our future. It is who we are, it cultivates creativity, independent thinking and dialogue and promotes our values across the world.

The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (www.institutdesfinances.gov.lb) The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan is a specialized public autonomous institution operating under the tutelage of the Lebanese Minister of Finance. Created in 1996, shortly after the end of the civil war, the Institute is a knowledge hub that contributes to capacity development in public financial management through through training, policy research, publications, access to information and partnership-building with more than 100 local, regional and international organisations. It provides policy advice and contributes to design visions and work plans for Public Finance Management (PFM) policy reform grounded in evidence and good practices. It provides advisory services in its core areas of expertise (listed below).

25 years since its creation, the Institute is recognized today for:

- I. Leading and accompanying critical PFM reforms:
- 2. Being a front liner in Capacity Development
- 3. Its cumulated experience in change management, outreach and advocacy
- 4. Being a partnership and networking hub
- 5. Providing high-quality advisory services and technical assistance in the Arabic language

The Institute in brief - Excellence, dedication, efficiency and performance

- We build national capacities for sustainability.
- We have the know-how, ability and flexibility to accompany policy reform design and implementation as well as change management.
- We provide state-of-the-art expertise in professional training, learning, knowledge sharing, communication, and networking.
- We use a participatory approach to learning and promote peer-to-peer learning.
- We operate a network of more than 300 subject-matter experts.
- We believe in synergies.
- We are result-oriented.
- We constantly evaluate our work and seek continuous feedback from partners and beneficiaries.
- We are committed to the principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability.

The Sea Ahead, selected for Cannes Film Festival La Quinzaine des Réalisateurs



by Ely Dagher



3 questions to Ely Dagher

After winning the Palme d'Or for your short film Waves 98 in 2015, your first feature film The sea Ahead was selected at La Quinzaine des Réalisateurs. You rise through the ranks, quickly and surely. What are the secrets of your success?

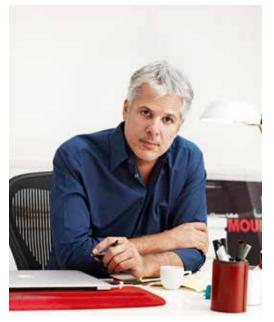
I try not to think about that so much. I focus on writing and creating something I am passionate about and work on themes that I want to understand and explore. And I hope to present it in an honest way that can speak to the audience and stir a conversation.

You obtained an artist residency offered by the Fondation Liban cinema with the support of the Boghossian Foundation. According to you, what does the support of such an institution bring to a filmmaker's career?

We all know the difficulties with making films in Lebanon without any public funds or institutions and support such as the residency and promoting lebanese cinema especially at film festivals is crucial for the survival of the Cinema sector.

Are co-productions just a financial arrangement for you, or much more, a privilege to work with people from different nationalities?

We have a lot of talented producers here, Being from another nationality doesn't give someone a higher esteem. Unfortunately there's no way around searching for foreign co-productions because, for one it's a bigger pool of producers to look through if you haven't found a local partner that understands your vision of the film and two, you need them to try to access funds abroad and public funds to avoid putting in many private investors or Banks. But that also comes at the cost of whatever foreign expectations of your film are. It took so long to make the film because if you don't want to make concessions and stay true to your voice and vision it will take time to find the right partners and enough funds to shoot.



3 questions to Georges Schoucair

After Tramontane, The Sea Ahead; 2 films by Abbout Productions selected for Critics' Week and La Quinzaine des Réalisateurs 5 years apart, it's a beautiful painting in a Lebanese scenery which, economically, struggles to remain standing ... how do you do it?

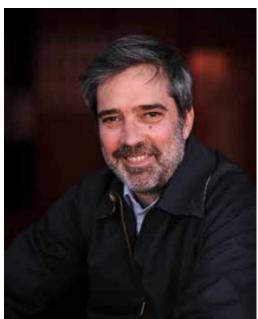
It took time and required a lot of energy and patience, especially in an economic context of crisis and in the absence of any funding institution. The devaluation of the Lebanese pound and the pandemic have pushed us to find creative and pragmatic solutions. French producer, Arnaud Domerc was also extremely responsive throughout pre-production and filming. In addition, we have been working for more than 10 years to improve the level of scriptwriting and forge ties with European and Arab partnerships, which has enabled us to support this new generation of directors.

It is important to point out that despite the deplorable situation in the country, Lebanese professionals continue to work. Platforms and series represent an opportunity for the industry that we hope to be able to seize.

Lebanon, which has always responded to the call of the Cannes Film Festival, will not have its pavilion in 2021 due to the multiple crises. For you professionals, how important is the existence of a unifying place that the FLC provided in such an international gathering?

This year is guite special for the Cannes Film Festival due to the pandemic and the international presence is expected to be more limited than usual. But in another context, it is always important to have a point of exposure in Cannes if the country's economy allows it. The Foundation provided with the Lebanese pavilion a meeting place that allowed producers, directors and film professionals to come together under the banner of this pavilion to discuss but also meet other partners. This pavilion was also an opportunity to launch several new initiatives that highlighted the evolution of Lebanese cinema on an international scale.

Your last film selected in competition at the Berlin Festival, Memory Box, is a Lebanon-France-Canada co-production. The Sea Ahead is a France-Lebanon co-production. Could you remind us of the importance of film co-production agreements for a country like Lebanon? Co-productions have always been essential. We have always worked with European co-producers, Arab and European funds, international and television pre-sales ... We are working to maintain and strengthen our coproduction agreements to compensate for the lack of a local production system.



3 questions to Arnaud Domerc

Returning to the Croisette after a year of absence and meeting with the public again. How important are the Festivals for you? Despite many attempts and even successful ones at organizing festivals and co-production platforms online, it is obvious that the comeback of the onsite physical events is a relief and a great joy. Festivals are a place where the density offered by cinema is strongly reflected, for the organizers as well as for the attending professionals and audience. This unique vibe, this very special communion is definitely one of the great joys of this profession.

This is not your first experience with Abbout Productions. Could you tell us about your collaboration and what it brings in terms of exchange between France and Lebanon? Abbout Productions is a special partner for me. My relationship with this company is not only professional, it is also a friendship one. We grew up together, and shared a lot of things: films, successes, but also life and distress. This mix between professional and personal has been a great opportunity for my journey. I have a passion for Lebanon since almost 10 years, and I am sure it will last for a long time.

The cinematographic landscape/scene is reinventing itself. Do you think that the promotion of films and crews, primary objective of the festivals, will suffer from that? No, I think that the physical experience is part of what cinema offers since its invention: it is that famous cinematographic ontology of French critic André Bazin. This is what we all look for when we go to the cinema: to see bigger, in a stronger and more beautiful way what we experience or feel at every moment of our life but which we have often become incapable of seeing, hearing, feeling ... Streaming platforms offer something else, another form of entertainment, which may become the future's maisntream but which is not cinema. It's something else and it's interesting, but it's not cinema.

Film & Series Guide

Selected for Berlin International Film Festival



Berlinale Competition

Memory Box by Joana Hadjithomas and Khalil Joreige



Berlinale Panorama

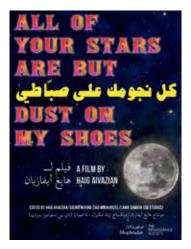
by George Peter Barbari



Berlinale Panorama

Miguel's War by Eliane Raheb

Winner of the 35th Teddy Award for Best Feature-Length Film Berlinale Panorama Audience Award 2nd place



Berlinale Forum Expanded

by Haig Aivazian

Death of a Virgin, and the Sin of Not Living

All of Your Stars are But Dust on my Shoes

LEBANESE Festivals and Events



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نادي لڪل الناس nadi lekol el nas	Arab Short Film Festival	In 2003, Nadi Lekol Nas started screening short student films in different Lebanese universities in a purpose of introducing the audience to the young filmmakers and providing a space for debates and discussions. In 2012, the club made a step forward and changed the Students Film Festival to become the Arab Short Film Festival, in an initiative to providing a platform to more independent filmmakers in Lebanon and Arab countries to show their work. www.nadilekolnas.org info@nadilekolnas.org	مرجان التعليم العربية المرجع أيسام بيسروت BEIRUT السينمائية المرجع CINEMA DAYS محمد FILM RESTIVALIZATE	Beirut Cinema Days (Ayam Beirut Al Cinema'iya)	Beirut Cinen Beirut DC si festival has e independent and civilizatio documentari as well as sev classes with and retrospe www.beirut	
	BATROUN MEDITERRANEAN FILM FESTIVAL	One of the best festival experience on the East Mediterranean, Batroun Mediterranean Film Festival (BMFF) is celebrated during the first week of September, in the historical 4000 years old Phoenician Mediterranean city of Batroun with a selection of short films with a Mediterranean twist. BMFF audience and filmmakers come along to share the mind-blowing artwork in an enchanting setting of the open-air unique screening venue; an environment that will generate enrichment for both, the local audience as well as international filmmakers. www.batrounmedfilmfest.com nicolaskhabbaz@hotmail.com	BCRUI COLOMA PLATFORM BERRUI COLOMA PLATFORM المعلية بيروت السيليدان	Beirut Cinema Platform	Beirut Ciner Beirut DC a to bring tog internationa coproductio www.beiru www.fonda	
BEIRUT ANIMATED	Beirut Animated Festival	Beirut Animated is an animation film festival established by the Metropolis Association. Its goal is to enhance and develop the animation production in the region by creating a platform for Arab artists. The festival is not only about screenings: it also hosts animation workshops, roundtable discussions and exhibitions. www.metropoliscinema.net/page/beirutAnimated/ info@metropoliscinema.net	BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL	Beirut International Film Festival	BIFF is the i selection of internationa festival host www.beiru	
DEPEUT ATT FILM FEBTUAL	Beirut Art Film Festival	A festival of a fine selections of recent documentaries on Art in major Beirut universities at Metropolis Empire Sofil - Ashrafieh. The most exclusive documentaries assembled shall be screened for the first time in Beirut! They will feature Architecture, Art collections, Cinema, Contemporary Art, Dance, Design, Divas, Fashion, Masterpieces, Museums, Music and Photography. www.bafflebanon.org info@bafflebanon.org				

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nema Days is a biennial film festival organized by C since 2001. Over the years, the Beirut Cinema Days as established itself as an important showcase for ent Arab films by increasing dialogue between cultures tations. The festival includes a selection of features, taries, student films, animation and experimental films several off-festival events; training sessions, master ith Arab and foreign experts, platforms, presentations spectives.

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inema Platform (BCP) is an initiative organized by C and Fondation Liban Cinema. This platform is designed together Arab independent filmmakers with Arab and onal industry professionals, with the aim to encourage ctions, collaborations and partnerships.

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ne international festival of Lebanon. It presents a of the latest films in every edition and invites an onal jury to oversee the competition. Every year, the osts filmmakers and producers from all over world.

eirutfilmfestival.org / info@beirutfilmfestival.org

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		BEIRUT INTERNATIONAL WOMEN FILM FESTIVAL	One of the Top 100 FilmFreeway Best Reviewed Film Festivals, Beirut International Women Film Festival (BWFF) is organized annually by Beirut Film Society, under the theme "Women for Change". BWFF tackles issues such gender equality, sexual identity, domestic violence among others through the power of the lens and cinema, which is the window to society and particularly women in this case. BWFF, which comprises films about women and/or executed by women, aims to highlight the power of women in different life situations, and to promote a positive image of women struggling with dignity to make a change in their	ECRANS du réel and - And	Ecrans du réel	"Ecra the N in Le docu them www info(
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	Beiruf Infernational Children & Family Film Festival	Beirut International Children & Family film festival	Beirut International Children and Family Film Festival (BICAF) seeks to raise awareness in the region about Children and Family issues; we believe that every child has the right to education, love, and peace; and we want to promote these values through films, the language we all talk without any limitation. BICAF screens films from all around the world; our program varies from local to international films in all categories.	Contractisté Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth	Court-Métrage des Ecoles de Cinéma	-FICM audio Beirun projec the w throu www Comi Miche
	BEI RUT SHORTS	BEIRUT SHORTS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL	www.bicaffilmfestival.combicaffilmfestival@gmail.comBEIRUT SHORTS was born from the womb of NDU International Film Festival (NDUIFF), which is a short film festival founded in 2007 at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), Lebanon.BSIFF accepts both Lebanese and international short films in all mentioned categories: Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Experimental, and Web & New Media; applicants may be graduating students or independent filmmakers.www.beirutfilmsociety.orgbeirutshorts@gmail.com	עריין איז	Karama - Beirut Human Rights Film Festival	Karan That I that c "Hum denou Festi v karma
Fil	briolet m Esstival	Cabriolet Film Festival	Since its inauguration, the festival has prided itself on creating a unique forum of exchange and dialogue between the public and the filmmaking community through hosting an event that encourages individual talents, brings together artists and filmmakers, champions short films, improves networking between interest groups, and allows the public to interact with filmmakers. Now, the festival is presenting Lebanese shorts in 7 countries in collaboration with other international festival partners.			
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Ecrans du réel" is a documentary film festival organized by ne Metropolis Cinema Association and the French Institute Lebanon. The festival, offers a passionate overview of ocumentaries, with a selection of award-winning films, most of nem shown for the first time in Lebanon.

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estival International du Court-Métrage des Ecoles de Cinéma" CMEC- organized by IESAV – Institut d'études scéniques, diovisuelles et cinématographiques, Saint-Joseph University of irut, since 2001. This International festival focuses on student ojects and gives a chance for young filmmakers from all over e world to share their works and to experience other cultures rough cinema. The jury is international.

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rama Beirut Human Rights Film Festival (supported by Movies at Matter and Cinema Without Bordersnetwork) is a film event at contributes, among other well-established and renowned luman Rights Festivals" in the world, to spreading a "cinema" that nounces racism, hatred discourse, discrimination and injustice.

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS	DESCRIPTION & CONTACT	FESTIVAI	LS & EVENTS
Banese — Lebanese Film Festival	The Lebanese Film Festival (formerly né à Beyrouth Festival) was created in 2001 in order to help Lebanese movie makers show their films (shorts, Documentaries, Fiction, Experimental), meet with their audience and acquire basic financial support for their future projects. During the festival, movie-makers, movie-lovers and professionals from the local film industry meet with the same objective: encourage and expand the Lebanese cinematographic industry. Festival Director: Wafa'a Celine Halawi www.lebanesefilmfestival.org/fr/ info@lebanesefilmfestival.org	Ruce Encourties on Environment & Film	Rural Encounters on Environment and Film Festival
Maskoon Fantastic Film Festival	Maskoon is the first Fantastic film festival in the Middle East focusing exclusively on genre film, bringing the best horror, thriller, fantasy and action films from around the globe to Beirut and, by default, to the Arab World. Maskoon's primary objective is to offer a wide variety of genre films that usually don't get released in the region, thus satisfying the genre fan base's demands while also introducing the rest of the audience to the artistry of genre cinema. The festival also aims to create a space for Arab filmmakers, technicians and genre film aficionados to meet, debate and possibly collaborate in the future throughout masterclasses, conferences, family screenings and outdoor events. www.abboutproductions.com maskoonfantasticfest@gmail.com	Association for Arts	Tyre's International Cinema Festival for Short Films
MYFF FILM مهرجان متروبولیس لسینما الشباب METROPOLIA الشرافيل الاليان SCREININGS AND WORKSHOP FOIL CHILDREN AND YOUTH	Launched in 2016, Metropolis Youth Film Festival (MY FF) is the ideal platform to screen the best of youth cinema's recent productions, presenting it in its diversity. The selection includes local, regional and international feature and short films, both fiction and documentaries. This annual event is a unique opportunity to curate a complete and comprehensive programme, inviting children, teenagers and young people to have a different cinema experience. In parallel to the screenings at Metropolis Empire Sofil, special screenings take place hors les murs to accommodate public schools and underprivileged youth in settlements and refugee camps.		Tripoli Film Festival
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Rural Encounters on Environment and Film is the first festival in Lebanon and the Arab world dedicated to rural lives and their representations. The yearly festival was born in Kobayat, Akkar, one of the most remote areas in North Lebanon.

Through the screening of films from around the world, short film trainings and competitions, workshops, debates and the discovery of the environmental resources and cultural heritage of Akkar, REEF harnesses the power of art and cinema to explore the diversity of this region and all that its rural culture has to offer. REEF is organized by the Council of Environment of Kobayat, in partnership with the cultural association Beirut DC. Both partners strive for inclusion, access to culture and cinema as a driver for social and environmental change.

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Lebanon's International Cinema Festival for Short Films is considered an annual cultural event that aims to celebrate the Lebanese, Arabic, and International cinema. This festival is held annually in more than one city (Tyre, Nabatieh – Tripoli). It expresses freedom of expression and cultural convergence and supports cinema for the youth.

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The Tripoli Film Festival aims at enriching the local cultural environment in Tripoli, promoting the rich cultural heritage of Tripoli and its local artists, and branding Tripoli and its region as a highly promising tourist destination. Original projections and premières to be screened over the festival period.

www.tripoli-filmfestival.org / info@tripoli-filmfestival.org





(AFAC) ARAB FUND FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

The Arab Fund for Arts and Culture (AFAC) is an independent Arab initiative established in 2007. AFAC funds individuals and organizations in the fields of cinema, performing arts, literature, music, visual arts, and research, training and regional events. In the field of cinema, AFAC currently has three programs: a yearly general call for cinema, and two special programs-The Arab Documentary Film Program for Arab documentary projects and Crossroads for emerging Arab directors working on projects related to possibility and change.

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BEIRUT DC ASSOCIATION

Beirut DC was founded in Beirut, Lebanon in 1999 by a group of cinema professionals and art advocates. The aim of Beirut DC is to provide help and support to Arab independent filmmakers, in facing up and overcoming the constraints facing independently-minded Arab cinema. To promote Arab cinema, BDC organizes every two years "Ayam Beirut Al Cinema'iya" the only non-competitive Arab film festival in Lebanon. With the aim of furthering knowledge and actual practice of all cinema-related Arab professions, BDC launches regularly training workshops for amateurs and semiprofessionals.

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BEIRUT FILM SOCIETY

Beirut Film Society (BFS) is a Non-for Profit Association that works closely with Lebanese and international filmmakers, and with film associations and/or other entities around the world to empower film industry in Lebanon and the Arab World. BFS organizes film events in Lebanon and abroad, to introduce cinema culture as an educative tool to human rights and ethics; and to spread the Lebanese culture as reflected in Lebanese films when and where possible.

BFS promotes for "Cinema for a Cause", and works on raising awareness among youth about social issues through cinema, such as Gender Equality, Women Causes, Children Rights, and Peace Building.

METROPOLIS METROPOLIS ASSOCIATION

The Metropolis Association was created in 2006 to develop a cinema culture in a country that lacks cultural policy from the public sector: its main goal is to allow cultural diversity, dialogue through cinema, and to promote it by presenting it in its different genres, eras and tendencies. Within the absence of a real cinémathèque that is supported by international institutions, Metropolis is keen on developing the patrimonial cinema by presenting retrospectives, ciné-concerts and film festivals and by welcoming a fervent audience in its strategic location in Ashrafieh in the heart of Beirut.

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Documentation & Research

CULTURE RESOURCE

Culture Resource (Al-Mawred Al-Thaqafy) is a regional, non-profit organization founded in 2003 that seeks to support artistic creativity in the Arab region and to encourage cultural exchange within the region and beyond. It aims to support artists, cultural actors and cultural institutions through grants, capacity building, publications and networking, to promote independent creative works outside the commercial mainstream on a regional and international level, and to improve the environment for cultural work through policy research and action. The work of the organization is predicated on the belief in the critical role of culture in the development of civil society, the importance of access to culture for all, and in the rights of artists to freedom of expression. www.mawred.org, info@mawred.org

NADI LEKOL EL NAS

Nadi Lekol El Nas is a nonprofit cultural league that works to spread culture of all kinds. It was founded in 1998 and it organizes cinema shows, drawing exhibitions, literature seminars, and music concerts. Moreover, Nadi Lekol El Nas works on supporting local and Arab cinema production through encouraging artists and actors and showing their work. It also archives and saves all artistic and popular heritage where they distribute and issue it in books and DVDs, like Borhan Alawie, John Chamoun, Mohamad Malas and many others. Currently Nadi Lekol El Nas is preparing for its tenth Film Festival that will be held on the 13th of May in Al-Madina theater. www.nadilekolnas.org

UMAM DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH (UMAM D&R)

UMAM Documentation and Research (UMAM D&R) is a Beirut-based nonprofit cultural organization that archives and exhibits material related to the Lebanese civil wars. Since its inception UMAM D&R has engaged in a number of long-term, multifaceted documentation and research projects. UMAM has just launched its electronic archival directory and its new online database. T: + 961 | 273881 T/F: + 961 | 553604 info@umam-dr.org www.umam-dr.org

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Video Works is a production grant and screening program that facilitates the production of new projects by artists and filmmakers residing in Lebanon. It has played a vital role in fostering Lebanon's vibrant video art scene over the past eight years, and aims to offer young and emerging artists the opportunity to realize their work in a supportive framework.

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LIBAN CINEMA



FLC Script Writing workshop: This workshop targets 5 Lebanese filmmakers and authors from Lebanon and the diaspora, working on a first or second feature film. It is held in twice a year with international consultants, 5 days each session. Partner: Institut Francais du Liban



Access to Market: This workshop represents a 3 part e-coaching for a group of 8 participants selected by FLC with the main objective to acquire skills, competences and reflexes to position their project strategically within the international Audiovisual marketplace, to proceed with applications, to pitch their projects, to foster financing and consultancy opportunities, to approach co-production markets and to negotiate internship or job opportunities.

Partner: Villa KULT oHG





Lebanon Series Lab: FLC is committed to creating the first series labs in Lebanon. It is planned to launch it in cooperation with DW Akademie. A very timely initiative that aims to create a new dynamic in the entertainment sector. Lebanon Series Lab offers local talents the chance to build up skills and professionalize themselves in this field. On the other hand, successful streaming platforms as well as the TV market are to be opened up for local productions in order to create new sales markets and contribute to the upswing of the Lebanese film industry. Partner: DW Akademie



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ARTIST RESIDENCIES and AWARDS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FONDATION LIBAN CINEMA

Villa Empain: The Prix Coup de Coeur is awarded to a director for the distribution of his movie as well as a 1 month residency in Villa Empain-Brussels to work on his next project. Partner: Fondation Boghossian

BerlinAir: Medienboard BerlinBrandenburg this residency offers a Lebanese filmmaker a 3 months artist residency in Berlin. The residencies are meant to enable free creative time as well as the opportunity to gather international experience and make industry contacts.as well as the opportunity to gather international experience and make industry contacts.

Partner: Medienboard BerlinBrandenburg

Cité des Arts: The Coup de Pouce prize - a 1 month artist residency in La Cité Internationale des Arts de Paris is awarded to the most promised project of the Fondation Liban Cinema annual Script-Writing workshop. Partner: Mairie de Paris



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A NIGHT IN 1987 – by Pierre Aboujaoude

Thriller - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Producer

Maya, 18 years old, is found dead in the Bekaa valley. Nour, her mother, is determined to find out who and why her daughter was murdered. But in a country that is collapsing on all levels, Nour can only count on herself to find the truth. Her investigation will lead to the mysterious Love and Rage league, a group of young activists ready to topple the current political system and two rival families who are fighting for the elections and involved in trafficking captagon.

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BEIRUT 21 OR HOW SHE FRAMED IT - by Pierre Mouzannar

Current Status: In Writing - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Coproducers

After having suffered from a violent heart attack and a surgery, Omar, a 29-year-old documentary filmmaker, recovers at his mother Lina's house and wonders whether he should give up on the ongoing film he was working on: a documentary about Lebanon's chaotic nature and its colorful revolution unfolding in real-time - the most important project of his life. As the collapse of his body and the destruction of his dreams coincide with the demise of his country and the rest of the world, Omar's naive assumptions of life are violently crushed, giving way for chaos to reign over his confused and demented mind. Refusing to see her son drown deeper into despair. Lina, a bourgeois but warm-hearted woman decides to take matters into her own hands. With a tripod on her back and a camera around her neck, Lina throws herself blindly in the turbulent streets of Lebanon's revolution to film and try to "save" her son's project so he won't have to give up on it.

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BIRTHDAY – by Lara Zeidan

Coming of Age - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon/France - Looking for: Partners, funding

Beirut, 7 May 2008.

A regular after-school day for Razan, who turns fourteen tomorrow, is disrupted by gun battles that erupt throughout the city. With her mother imposing strict safety measures around the house, and her father on his way back from a business trip, her teenage concerns remain the same: MSN, her crush, and a memorable birthday.

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😤 DANCE WITH ME – by Leila Basma

Documentary - Current Status: In Development

My uncle. Adam Basma, fled our conventional muslim Lebanese family to Los Angeles at a young age to become a successful belly stancer. Making similar life choices, I find myself wondering what Adam has to share with me about family acceptance, belonging and extravagant dreams.

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DAY OF WRATH: TALES FROM TRIPOLI – by Rania Rafei

Hybrid feature-film - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: funding, sales agent, co-production

THE DAY OF WRATH is a feature length historical drama that portrays the transformation of the city of Tripoli (Lebanon's second largest city)through five generations of one middle-class family from the 40's until today. While the five stories happen in the midst of a major political uprising/event, each chapter follows one of the family members and is intimately narrated by them.

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DEAD DOG – by Sarah Francis

Narrative - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon/Qatar - Looking for: Co-producers / financing

Walid an expat living abroad comes back to spend a few nights in his inherited family house in the mountains without informing his wife living in Lebanon about his visit. Intrigued and a little offended, she waits for him there, on a cold November night, taking him by surprise. She soon discovers the purpose of his visit. On her side, she also keeps a secret from him. The film explores the few days they spend together as they explore the status of their relationship and of their finances in the the midst of a collapsing country.

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IN A DREAM YOU SAW A WAY TO SURVIVE AND YOU WERE FULL OF JOY - by Remi Itani Looking for: Co-producers

Layal, 21, comes home at night after a sexual encounter. She joins her mother, Salma, who isn't aware that her daughter is sexually active. Some weeks pass, Layal roams the empty spaces around her house at night. The next day she takes a pregnancy test-it's positive. Layal avoids her mother's presence, spending her time with her best friend Dania. The young women try to find the man who impregnated her, driving around his house, to no avail. They learn about a clandestine abortion clinic located in the suburbs of Beirut. The journey to get there takes place at night. Layal fears for her life when she witnesses the mishandled procedure of the patient before her; She flees the clinic and falls into despair. She tries to signal for help from her mother, whose attention is focused on her friend's daughter, who took her own life, when faced with a similar situation like Layal's. The man who impregnated Layal is back in the picture. Much older than Layal and well off, he sends her to a better-equipped clinic and pays her the expenses.

Layal spends the last days of her pregnancy contemplating motherhood, despite knowing that there is no place for single mothers in Lebanon.

Assuming a pseudonym, she goes through the procedure. After the procedure, Layal walks into her house, she sits facing her mother, a long silence occurs between them. Layal shifts her gaze towards pictures of her and her mother hung on the wall, then breaks the silence with a mundane conversation.

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LUEUR GRISE – by Michèle Tyan

Woman Social Drama - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon / France - Looking for: Financing & Markets

Nayla, in her 50's, leads a monotonous life marked by her sense of duty. She struggles to ensure her family's survival in a country plagued by an economic collapse in a post blast injured city. While she wears herself out at work, her husband, an unemployed alcoholic and ex-militiaman of the civil war, spends his time watching political debates on television. Their 23-year-old daughter Rania, who lives with them, knocks over a man while driving home one night, and severally injures him. The incident rattles the couple, verbal and physical aggressions plunge their existence into doubt, upheaval and pain. For the first time in a long while, Nayla does some deep soul-searching. She realizes that she has lost the essence of herself. Her eyes are finally open to the reality that surrounds her: her own state of mind, the state of the city, of the entire country mired in all kinds of paradoxes. Until the day the injured man's condition suddenly deteriorates and dies. Rania is taken to prison.

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MIAKHARA – by Mark Karam

Comedy – Musical – Female Story - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon / France Looking for: Funds, financing, markets

Everyone believes their family to be the craziest, but this is about to change, when Mark decides to make a documentary about his mother and aunts: Lena, Yolla, Beba and Voulla, who are quite comfortable discussing the most intimate parts of their bodies while maintaining their religious beliefs to the core. It's thru Mark's documentary camera that Miakhara will reveal the secrets of the Andriotty's who are not a regular family but one of those aunts takes the competition to a whole new level. So, what seems to be a very easy and overly done task will actually get out of control. Especially when Yolla unhides her deep and dark secret by announc-ing her come-back as La Divina Maria Callas.

Peculiarly Yolla believes to be the reincarnation of Callas.

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NORTH – by Sélim Mourad

Metaphysical thriller - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: co-producer/ production funds by the end of 2021

Fabio is a young man who is coming home to Beirut for the Christmas holidays. After a fight with his sister Nay at the airport, he decides not to go home, but take a taxi with a random name on it (Wissam El Tiné) and go North wherever the taxi takes him. Little does he know that he is embarking on a crazy unexpected journey on the verge of nightmare.

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PIGEON WARS - by Dania Bdeir

Drama - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Producer / Co-Producer

RANA (20) is a bright and fiercely independent Lebanese college student who has cut all ties with her parents. Competitive and feisty, she spends her time on the streets of Beirut taking every opportunity to stand up to the patriarchy treading a fine line between protest and recklessness.

When she stumbles upon the male-dominated underground world of Pigeon Wars, she becomes obsessed with conquering the skies and capturing a specific rare pigeon in order to reconnect with her bird loving sister NADINE (15) who is the only connection to home she wants to keep.

She meets Hassan (21), a traditional and dutiful young pigeon trainer with unfulfilled potential. Despite their differences, the two develop a bond while confronting societal pressures and family issues. Throughout their journey, Rana discovers that her relentless drive stems from a deeper pain and that she will have to confront her past.

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RABIES – by Sandra Tabet

Horror - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Co-Producer

Julia (60), a history professor, struggles with her sanity as she alone seems aware that Beirut's past has come back to haunt it. Amidst the electric climate of the country, where the temperature is abnormally high and the water drying up, she researches the country's taboo mass graves with the help of Ghassan (25), her student and protégé. She soon realizes that the reconstructions taking place in downtown Beirut are unearthing old war corpses, infected by rabies. After witnessing a few worrying incidents involving domestic and stray dogs, she tries to raise the alarm but everybody dismisses her worries, putting them on account of her trauma and her obsession in her late husband's death. Soon after, she is confronted with the bitter truth of Ghassan's infection. Together, they drive through the night of a quarantined Beirut and watch as the city descends into the clutches of madness, disease and grotesque transformation.

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RADIO – by Josef Khallouf

Cross-Genre (Experimental, Doc, Narrative, Biography) - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon Looking for: Development Fund

Dimitri, a 40 years old man decides to follow an audio transmission that lures him to a nearby deserted building to meet his cosmic twin Simon, who was a young man in the 1960s in Beirut. Simon time travels to warn Dimitri about a fire that is going to burn his wife alive.

Simon, being the owner of the stereo called "Le Purgatoire" in Hazmieh, it went down in flames when a fire erupted, back in 1968, during the shoot of Gary Garabedian's feature film " Koulouna Fidaiyoun" and burned the place down and killed Gary and the Producers of the film.

"Radio" is a cross-genre, a hybrid that extends the boundaries of imagination.

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Film & Series Cuide

THE SAD LIFE OF HAPPY PIG – by Christy Whaibe

Comedy - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon/France - Looking for: Funding, rewriting residency

When Chady 35-years-old recognizes the assassin of his father, he decides to get revenge with his "Happy Pig" Costume.

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THE VILLAGE CHILD - by Daniella Saba

Drama - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon/France/Brazil - Looking for: Brazilian co-producer and funding

42-year-old FLORENCE feels like she is drifting. She wants to have a child but it seems complicated. She moved in with Serge, her companion, whom she is not sure she loves and she is still struggling to overcome the end of her marriage with Antoine, her exhusband, from whom she still has to divorce and from whom she hides an important secret. Suffering from a serious illness, Antoine announces to Florence that his health has worsened, and that his survival depends on a bone

marrow transplant. He asks her to follow him to Brazil, in search for his biological family, to try to find a compatible donor.

Florence finds herself embarked on an unlikely quest deep in the Brazilian Sertão.

Together with Antoine, they will face the disturbing context of illegal adoptions in Brazil and will also be confronted with their past as a couple, their secrets and lies, and the illness of Antoine, whose state of health worsens..

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THRONE OF GOD - by Pascale Abou Jamra

Feature Fiction - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Development Consultation, Development Funding

Maarouf and Dunia, a couple from a village in the Bekaa of Lebanon, try everything to release their elder soldier son Mohammed who is held hostage in the hand of Syrian lihadists during the war of Arsal in 2014.

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YALLA, BABA! - by Angie Obeid

Feature Documentary - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon/Belgium - Looking for: Funds - Pre-sales

. In their newly bought car from Belgium, Angie (32) takes her father Mansour (72) on the same journey he made 40 years ago from Brussels to Beirut. The path once taken is no longer the same, and neither would be their relationship. Yalla, Baba! is a dialogue between father and daughter. An encounter of two different times in a moving space. An outlook on 40 years of History of Europe and the world, through a road trip from Brussels to Beirut.

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COMMEDIA – by Myriam El Hajj

Feature Narrative - Current Status: In Financing - Country: Lebanon/France

Following the arrest of her father accused of a terrorist act, the idyllic world of a commedia dell'arte actress is shattered leading her to rebel against the corruption of her family, her lover and her country.

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I AM HERE BUT YOU CAN'T SEE ME - by Feyrouz Serhal

Fantasy/ Thriller - Current Status: In Financing - Country: Lebanon/France/Spain - Looking for: Funding

In the fictitious city of Beirut lives Viola, a singer and a member of an underground movement that assassinates the corrupt politicians of the city. In the same city lives Farah, a son of a banker politician, who roams the city day and night like a ghost with no goal and no destination. As he drives one day, Farah gets to notice Viola while she is opposing the authorities in the middle of the street in a very daring gesture. Her strong energy and light attracts him like a magnet. And from that moment on he keeps on noticing her everywhere, but Viola keeps on disappearing from his field of vision.

And while the city and Viola are in the middle of the operation plotting and assassinating corrupt leaders/former warlords, Farah becomes keen on finding this woman who unknowingly becomes his sign to his reality.

As Viola is absorbed into her mission and her unwavering goal, Farah at last locates her; she is there on stage singing. Farah is drawn to her like a moth following the light, and while he believes that her light will save him, Viola uses him.

With Farah in front of her, Viola faces the enemy in flesh and blood. To discover that violence has marked his own life and he himself needs to be liberated and saved. In an act of altruism, Viola lures passive Farah into her active world and the tragic irony is revealed when Farah finds his life in death.

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SHAMEEM – by Karim Rahbani

Fiction Feature film - Current Status: In Financing - Country: Lebanon/Bangladesh Looking for: Funds, French & German Co Producers

When Shameem leaves Bangladesh to work at a dry cleaning company in Lebanon, he finds out that the work conditions fall far short of what he was promised. Feeling increasingly desperate, he hatches a dangerous plan to turn his life around.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION – by Nadim Tabet

Feature Narrative / Horror - Current Status: In Production - Country: Lebanon/France

Strange disappearances plague a construction site located next to a Lebanese village that was under the Syrian army occupation in the past. As tension rises between the Syrian workers and the Lebanese villagers, a young worker Tarek becomes convinced that the site is haunted by the ghost of a woman who was allegedly murdered by a Syrian soldier in the 90's.

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TT'S A SAD AND BEAUTIFUL WORLD – by Cyril Aris Fiction / Comedy, Drama, Romance - Current Status: In Development - Country: Lebanon/Germany/France

The improbable love story between Nino, a warmhearted idealist, and Soraya, a wounded cynic, is challenged by Lebanon's tumultuous history from the past 40 years until presently, and in which an impeding cosmic event would upend all that came before.

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A RIVER'S TALE- by Bassem Breche

Feature Fiction - Current Status: In Post-production - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Sales, distribution and festivals

A River's Tale tells the story of Salma and her returning daughter Thuraya, and their attempt to preserve, maintain and reconstruct their lives with and against each other. Salma survived many years by protecting her independence, she reached her peace through letting go of any attachments. But the past does not let go of Salma and brings back Thuraya, defeated, divorced, and pregnant.

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AFTER THE END OF THE WORLD- by Nadim Mishlawi

Creative Documentary - Current Status: In Post-production - Country: Lebanon

After the End of the World is a cartography gathering the testimonies of different characters as they try to make sense of Lebanon's capital, Beirut, 20 years after the civil war left it ruined. Focusing on the frenzied urban development (and destruction) of the reconstruction period, the film is built around the exploits of a photographer who is convinced that the city of Beirut is disappearing. Exploring the possibility of a "science fiction" documentary, the film uses an array of different visual and audio material including Betamax tape, 16mm, news archives, still photography, and digital cinematography, transforming the screen into a plane of information depicting events, anecdotes, moments, and ideas, spiraling into a modern dystopia.

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AIDA RETURNS – by Carol Mansour

Feature length documentary - Current Status: In Post-production - Country: Lebanon/Palestine Looking for: Funding for post-production, and distribution

This film is a poignant, sometimes sad, sometimes painful, sometimes humorous, often absurd story of a double journey: the journey of loss as the director's mother Aida struggled with Alzheimer's losing herself, but finding solace in her repeated "returning" to the Yafa and Palestine of her youth; and the ultimate return journey back to Yafa and Palestine where Aida would finally rest. The film accompanies the director, as she engineers a way to return her mother to Yafa against all odds. It is a tribute to the lost past of the director's family, an attempt to restore part of an individual and a collective memory, and a poetic nod and affirmation to all those exiled Palestinians forbidden from returning to their hometowns, even after death.

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BEIRUT: EYE OF THE STORM – by Mai Masri

Documentary - Current Status: In Post-production - Year of production: 2021 - Looking for: Festivals, distribution

Noel & Michelle, multi-talented performers and songwriters, Hanine a journalism student and Lujain an Iragi camerawoman, took the streets of Beirut along with hundreds of thousands of Lebanese to demand major economic and political reforms, and an end to the corrupt sectarian system. Beirut in the Eye of the Storm follows them during one year, from the euphoria of the popular uprising which was abruptly halted when Covid-19 struck Lebanon four months later, followed by the massive explosion in Beirut's port on August 4, 2020, which decimated the heart of the capital and ruptured the lives of its people. Will the series of blows that hit Lebanon in the past few months culminating in the devastating blast in Beirut's port succeed in destroying their struggle or will they find new ways to resist and hold onto their dreams of building a new Lebanon?

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CARONA- by Shady Hanna

Family Comedy - Current Status: In Post-production - Year of production:2020/21

A modern upper middle class family trapped in it's luxurious apartment due to covid is forced to flee the city when the door to door neighbor is diagnosed with Covid. Staying at the parents' old, run down house in the village with no electricity and no internet, things get chaotic!

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CONVERSATIONS AVEC SIRO – by Dima El-Horr

Documentary - Year of production: 2021 - Looking for: Festivals, distribution

August 4, 2020, an apocalyptic explosion at the port of Beirut: 200 casualties, 6500 wounded, entire neighborhoods of the city left in ruin. A tragedy, once again.

Siro is an Armenian artist born in Lebanon in 1933 to whom I am linked by a long friendship, made evident through this fragmented film, between Beirut and Paris.

Conversations avec Siro is about mourning, loneliness, exile but also about joyful moments stolen to History in a dying Lebanon.

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COSTA BRAVA, LEBANON – by Mounia Akl

Feature Narrative - Current Status: In Post-production - Countries: Lebanon - France - Spain - Sweden - Denmark - Norway

The free-spirited Badri family have escaped the toxic pollution of Beirut by seeking refuge in the utopic mountain home they have built. But unexpectedly, a garbage landfill is built right outside their fence, bringing the trash and corruption of a whole country to their doorstep. As the trash rises, so do tensions between leaving or resisting, threatening their idyllic home and family unity.

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DIRTY, DIFFICULT, DANGEROUS - by Wissam Charaf

Feature Film - Drama - Current Status: Shooting - Countries: Lebanon/France - Looking for: Distribution

Ahmed, réfugié Syrien, espérait trouver l'amour en Mehdia, une femme de ménage Ethiopienne. Mais à Beyrouth, cela semble impossible... Ce couple de réfugiés sentimentaux réussira-t-il à trouver sa voie vers la liberté alors qu'Ahmed, survivant de la guerre en Syrie, semble rongé par un mal mystérieux qui transforme son corps peu à peu en métal ?

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DO YOU LOVE ME - by Lana Daher

Feature Documentary - Current Status: In Production - Countries: Lebanon/Germany - Looking for: Distribution, Broadcasters

'Do You Love Me' is an archive-based documentary about the history of Lebanon and its generations since the civil war (1975) until now. Through the country's musical, cinematic, journalistic archives, the film tells the story of Lebanese society's pains, dreams & what shapes them as people today.

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- EMBODIED CHORUS – by Danielle Davie & Mohamad Sabbah

Hybrid Creative Documentary - Current Status: In post-production - Countries: Lebanon/Germany/Luxemburg Looking for: Distribution partners including special interest organizations, further funding possibilities and markets, festivals and possible co-production (France or other)

An HIV positive woman and a gay man who lived with HPV open a cinematic conversation about living with Sexually Transmitted Infections in Lebanon. They share their own stories and those of other individuals, surpass the shame and step into resilience.

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LE JOURNAL DE YASMINE – by Christian Abi Abboud

Feature Documentary, Social, Human rights - Current Status: Shooting - Countries: Lebanon/France Looking for: Post production funds. Distribution

Un matin, Yasmine, 13 ans, et Salomé, 10 ans, montent dans la voiture de leur père. Ensemble, ils guittent Bordeaux, traversent les Alpes, gagnent Milan, prennent un vol pour la Turguie avant d'atterrir au Liban. Là-bas, Yasmine et Salomé vivent comme toutes les petites filles de leur âge : elles jouent, vont à l'école, s'amusent avec leurs copines. Comme toutes les petites filles libanaises, elles aiment la plage, les montagnes, les ballades dans les collines au couleurs méditerranéennes et les saveurs nationales. Et comme beaucoup d'enfants, elles souffrent du divorce de leurs parents. Lui est libanais, elle, est française. Et elle, a annoncé à la radio française que ses filles avaient été kidnappées par leur père. Soudain, Yasmine et Salomé ne sont plus des enfants comme les autres: du point de vue de la justice française, leur papa est hors la loi. Puis, la mère arrive à Beyrouth pour les récupérer. Mais que veulent vraiment Yasmine et Salomé ?

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LA NUIT DU VERRE D'EAU – by Carlos Chahine

Social Drama - Current Status: Production - Countries: Lebanon/France - Looking for: Financing, festivals, Sales Agent

1958, the revolution strike in Beirut. Layla, her 7 years old son, and her young sisters Eva & Nada pass their summer vacations with their family in their Christian village in the Lebanese mountains. During this summer, the three sisters are going to perceive the patriarchal society which control them. Each will react.

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ON NE CACHE PAS LE SOLEIL AVEC UN DOIGT ! - by May Kassem

Documentary - Current Status: Post-Production - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Post-Production financing

A film on the struggle of undocumented immigrants in Paris in 1996 (les Sans Papiers de Saint-Bernard) and today, social and political struggles on the ground, labor strife, the conditions of refugees and the undocumented, the city itself, its public spaces, the inclusion/ exclusion of its inhabitants.

An epic 6-part documentary unfurling the hopes and dreams of the struggle against immigration control 20 years ago and today, through the prism of memories, those of the filmmaker who was a militant involved in that struggle in 96, and her comrades who surface through archival material against the backdrop of Paris today.

A meditation on the city, with its rivers and trains portrayed as veins and blood running throughout, its inhabitants a vital part of that body, appearing in reflections on its multiple surfaces, mirrored, shadowed, anonymous and one.

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OPERATION COLT – by Christophe Karabache

Drama, Thriller, Fantastic - Current Status: Script written - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Production/Funds

Clinging to vengeful impulses from his non-resolved past, haunted by a giant cyclops that is tracking him down, lad find himself in the field of resonance of memories, where terrifying hallucinations clash with the cruelty of daily life, in a perpetually tormented country. Through three seasons of life, three moments of confrontation with a rough reality, the portrait of a man who always felt rejected, left out, a burden for his environment, of the life of a neighborhood, and that of a country. The child searches for sensuality and tenderness around him, finds it sometimes elsewhere. The adolescent, and his friends, confront social, academic, disciplinary, and police repression in vain - while attempting to explore their budding sexuality. The adult, impotent towards a present without future, is obsessed with the moment of death of the beings that conceived him, that of his second birth into a meaningless and wretched world.

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PERHAPS WHAT I FEAR DOES NOT EXIST - by Corine Shawi

Creative Documentary - Current Status: Post-production - Countries: Lebanon/Qatar Looking for: sales, distribution and festivals

While spending four years in hospitals taking care of my dad who became paraplegic, I started filming his rehabilitation, observing the routine of the new life imposed on us. I found myself confronting past and present troubles, worrying about the future, as I was losing track of who I am.

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SUSPENDED – by Myriam El Hajj

Feature Documentary - Current Status: In production - Countries: Lebanon/France

Suspended recounts Lebanon's last 4 years of turmoil through three characters from three different generations. Each is fighting to survive, adapt and create change in a collapsing country.

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THE JOURNEY OF SYLVANA AND MOHAMED - by Maher Abi Samra

Feature Documentary - Current Status: In Post Production - Countries: Lebanon - Looking for: Distribution

Sylvana and Mohammad are walking together. She is in a wheelchair, he is blind. She lives in Lebanon; he studies in New York. They carry with them a revolt and common wounds, those of an isolated childhood in the specialized institutions for the disabled, and those of an ordinary life they dreamed of and which has proved unfair and full of obstacles. During one year of their life, the film is a journey with this inseparable duo, in their daily life and at each of their reunion, in Beirut and in Paris.

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THE SILENCE OF THE PLAIN – by Zeina Sfeir

Documentary - Current Status: In production - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Production Fund

"The Silence of the Plain" deals with a crime that took place at the start of the war. But this is a film that adopts a narrative in the present and tackles a thorny and complex question: has the past really passed? We will seek the answer through a quest led by the director with her cousin, and other inhabitants of the Bekaa internal plain of Lebanon and its calm, limpid and silent plain. The crime treated in this film is not a simple memory of the atrocities of the war in the past, but in its continuity, it is then that the emotional resentment crystallizes in the words of the families, in their accounts which are of on the one hand full of nostalgia, and on the other hand adapted to strengthen their political position.

The characters questioned by the director are her cousins, her aunt, but also relatives, journalists, former activists and inhabitants of the region. If the testimonies are controversial, contradictory on certain points, it is through key places that appear in all the stories that we will tell the story of the film, these places of memory will be the spaces where the stories intersect and tie the knot between different chapters of the film.

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THERE'S A LIFE IN OUR IMAGINATION - by Ghina Daou Feature creative documentary - Current Status: In early production - Countries: Lebanon/France

Looking for: Co-production / Broadcasters

In a Lebanon plagued by corruption, destroyed by the double explosion of August 4, 2020 and weakened by a financial crisis, 3 women of 3 different generations engaged since the October 2019 Revolution are each fighting in their own way. While Ruby, the youngest one moves away and fights alone in exile. Zeina and Halima throw themselves into the political struggle on the ground. I will follow their journeys over the period of two years, since the post-explosion and until the next legislative elections happening in the spring of 2022 and supposed to put an end to the dominance of the current regime. Three different journeys who complete one another. Side by side, they outline the path of Beirut, a city embracing yet again a new identity with a desire to be heard.

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VALLEY OF EXILE - by Anna Fahr

Drama - Current Status: Production - Countries: Lebanon/Canada Looking for: Post prod funds/Finishing funds and Sales and Distribution

Two sisters, Rima and Nour, whose parents were killed in Syria, escape to a refugee camp in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley after fleeing wartorn Damascus. While Rima, who is seven months pregnant, is set on reuniting with her husband and rebuilding their lives in Lebanon, her younger sister Nour is determined to find their missing brother and eventually return home to Syria. In the camp, the sisters form alliances with other women who have lost their fathers, sons and husbands to the war. These friendships propel them onto separate paths: Rima works odd jobs so that she can rent an apartment before her baby is born while Nour sets out to investigate their brother's whereabouts, risking her own safety in the process. As conditions in the camp worsten day by day, Rima and Nour begin to realize that their journey together into exile is not only a struggle for survival but ultimately a test of loyalty to their country, their family and each other.

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VANISHING - by Lucien Bourjeily

Drama - Current Status: In Production - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: Sales Agent - Distributor - Co-Production

In modern-day Beirut, single mother Rita juggles her work as an investigative journalist and as the caregiver to both her eight-year- old daughter and her elderly mother. A balance made possible only with the crucial help of Zofan, an Ethiopian helper, who has lived with them for several years. However, one day, while Rita is busy filming a report about illegal and corrupt quarries, Zofan mysteriously disappears without a trace. Rita becomes totally engulfed in this intriguing mystery.

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WE ARE INSIDE – by Farah Kassem

Feature Documentary - Current Status: Post Production - Countries: Lebanon/ Qatar/Denmark Looking for: Post-production Funds, Distributors, Broadcasters and World Sales.

Farah (31) returns to her hometown Tripoli in Lebanon only to find her city in crisis. Staying with her widowed father Mustapha (83), they constantly fight as his only wish is for her to adapt to the city's prevailing conservative identity. But there's a secret refuge: Mustapha's weekly all-male poetry club. Stubborn yet lovable, the men are fascinated by language. They share their poems over sweets and the agreement to disagree about everything. Realizing that in order to reach out to her father, Farah needs to get to the poet in him, she decides to join the club and address Mustapha in verses. But the poets will have to test her for weeks. Both Farah and Mustapha know that this is their chance for one last and important conversation — especially when the October revolution erupts nationwide.

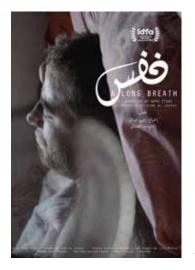
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A LONG BREATH – by Remi Itani

Documentary - Current Status: Ready for distribution - Country: Lebanon - Looking for: TV acquisitions



A man torn between the duty to piousness and the temptation of hedonism. On one hand, a worried mother trying to save him, and an expecting wife, on the other, a world of misery, war, pills, booze, prison and gambling.



AGATE MOUSSE – by Selim Mourad

Running time: 68 min - Fiction Essay - Year of production: 2021 - Looking for: Festival screenings



Beirut, summer 2019. hand to hand. him out of the city he loves.

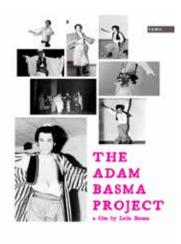
Director/writer/producer: Sélim Mourad Editor: Sandra Fatté DOP: Karim Ghorayyeb Sound Design: Lama Sawaya- DB Studios Colorist: Belal Hibri - LUCID

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ADAM BASMA PROJECT - by Leila Basma

Documentary - Year of production: 2020 - Looking for: Festivals, Distributors



My uncle left Lebanon when he was just a teenager to become a bellydancer. Growing up with only what he had left behind, I've been wondering my whole life who Adam truly is.

Director: Leila Basma Camera: Leila Basma, Zaher Jureidini Editing: Leila Basma Sound Design: Martin Blauber

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AS ABOVE, SO BELOW – by Sarah Francis

Hybrid Essay/docu-fiction - Country: Lebanon - Year of production: 2020 - Looking for: Festivals



A group of people roams in a bare landscape around a set of swings as their only settlement, as if mapping, exploring, reorganizing the open territory they are in. As they move, changes in soundscapes make them virtually cross geographies. In the sky, a moon-like satellite roves above their heads, following them like an omen. The moon, once symbolizing cyclical times, myths and new beginnings, is now the satellite waiting to be conquered and colonized. Reality and fantasy intertwine in an existential quest. Is a new beginning really possible? As below, so above.

Director/Writer/Producer: Sarah Francis With the support of : Al Mawred Al Thagafy – Little Lizzard films – Lucid Post. Director of Photography: Bassem Fayad Sound design: Victor Bresse Line Producer: Jinane Chaaya Editor: Sarah Francis / Editing consultant: Zeina Aboul Hosn.

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A filmmaker experiences a descent into the abyss. His health is at stake and his film community falls apart. The time of ceremonies has run out.

After his death, two men and a woman keep playing with precious stones. They do not know their dance is sacred. Amethyst, ruby, agates pass like magic from

Meanwhile, the filmmaker's mother gives birth to him again. He doesn't remember much of his previous self, yet he starts a spiritual journey that leads

BEIRUT HOLD'EM - by Michel Kammoun

Running time: 103 min / Genre: Social Drama / Year of production: 2021 / Looking for: World Sales, Distribution, Festivals



Beirut Hold'em depicts the life of Ziko, a 40-year old ex-con and petty gambler, and his three boyhood friends, in a seedy, lower-middle class district of Beirut today. Released from prison, Ziko wants to restart his life. With his back against the wall, Ziko faces all the challenges in one go. But everyone knows that, once a gambler, always a gambler.

But Ziko's biggest fight turns out to be his inner struggle. Driven by a neverending determination and a relentless will to survive, he sets out on his journey through contemporary Lebanese society, a place made of an incongruous mixture of violence and tenderness, a country on the edge of war and bankruptcy, where instability makes everyday life feel like a circus trapeze, and sheer existence is yet another form of gambling.

Director: Michel Kammoun DOP: Celine Bozon Sound Recordist: Rayan Al-Obeidyine Editing: Pamela Ghanimeh, Michèle Tyan, Jacques Comets Sound Design: Raed Younane Original score: Cynthia Zaven Production design: Hussein Baydoun Costume design: Beatrice Harb, Roula Oueida Producer: Sabine Sidawi, Michel Kammoun

Cast: Saleh Bakri, Fadi Abi Samra, Rita Hayek, Issam Bou Khaled, Rana Alamuddine, Ziad Seaibi, Said Serhan, Anjo Rihan, Talal El Jurdi, Nicole Kamato, Zeina saab de Melero

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BEIRUT TERMINUS - by Elie Kamal

Running time: 82 min / Genre: Feature Documentary / Year of production: 2019 Looking for: Festivals, VOD platforms, Broadcasters



"Beirut Terminus" explores the notions of borders, identity and belongingness, within a perpetually troubled region of the world. Using Lebanon's discarded railway and what's left of its deserted infrastructure as its core scenery, the film interweaves personal and historical facts while taking a contemplative and geographical journey from the peripheral train stations of the country, towards the central station of its capital Beirut, in an attempt to analyze, question and understand its past, present and uncertain future.

Writer Director: Elie Kamal Producer: Jana Wehbe Sound Designer: Lama Sawaya Re-Recording Mixer: Florent Lavalee Cinematographer: Elie Kamal Music Composer: Nadim Mishlawi Colorist: Dima Geagea

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BROKEN KEYS - by Jimmy Keyrouz

Running time: 147 min / Genre: War Drama / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution (VOD Specific)



Trying to escape his war-ravaged Middle Eastern neighborhood where music has been banned, a musician embarks on a journey to rebuild his piano after it is destroyed by extremists.

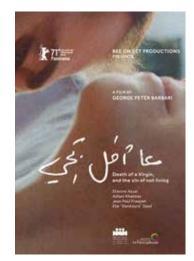
Director/Writer: Jimmy Keyrouz Producer: Antoun Sehnaoui Composer: Gabriel Yared Associate Producer: Frederic Domont Line Producers: Able Khoury & Lara Karam Chekerdjian (Ginger Productions) D.O.P: Joe Saade Production Designer: Issa Kandil Editors: Maria Malek - Yves Beloniak CAST: Tarek Yaacoub - Rola Baksmati - Mounir Maasri - Ibrahim El Kurdi - Julian Farhat - Sarah Abi Kanaan - Said Serhan - Gabriel Yammine - Badih Abou Chakra - Fadi Abi Samra - Hassan Mrad - Leila Kamari - Michel Adabachi - Rodrigue Sleiman and Adel Karam

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DEATH OF A VIRGIN, AND THE SIN OF NOT LIVING - by George Peter Barbari

Running time: 87 min / Genre: Drama, Psycholigical, Road Trip, coming of age / Year of production: 2021 Looking for: Distribution and festival run



We are all trying to make it through life the best way we know how to. It is a constant struggle, a perpetual adventure, a unique story with an inevitably common ending. Etienne's case is no different. Though he woke up today knowing it wasn't going to be just another average day, he could have never expected it to be the day he wakes up. Adnan, Etienne's best friend is taking him, Jean Paul and Dankoura to visit a prostitute for the first time. Three troubled teens on their way to lose their virginity and win their acceptance into manhood. Though several unexpected occurrences take Etienne on an unforeseen journey into himself. Etienne goes in, but he never really comes out.

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FARAH - by Hassiba & Kenton Freiha-Oxley

Running time: 116 mins / Genre: Psychological Thriller / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Sales Agents & Distributors



When depressed college student, Lina, returns home to Beirut, Lebanon, to recuperate after a nervous breakdown, she is prescribed a controversial antidepressant, "Xapa", by her pharmaceutical director father, Nabil, before finding herself losing her grip on reality. Lina begins to believe that she must investigate the truth about her mother, Farah, who is presumed dead after Lina was born, in order to understand why her own sanity seems to be rapidly disintegrating. We follow Lina's quest of self discovery as she navigates a web of family secrets that buries trauma, shame, and Farah's mental illness.

Producer: Reine Issa Producer: Gabriel Shipton Executive Producer: Hassiba Freiha Executive Producer: Kenton Oxley Screenwriter: Hassiba Freiha Line Producer: Pierre Sarraf Unit Production Manager: Marie-Lynn Nasrallah Director of Photography: Elias Trad Production Designer: Hussein Baydoun Costume Designer: Talia Nammour Casting Director: Najat Adem Ist Assistant Director: Toufic Khreich Sound Recordist: Emmanuel Zouki Senior Editor: Marcus D'Arcy Editor: Rita Mounzer Supervising Sound Editor: James Mather Composer: Aidan Lavelle Colourist: Max Horton

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FAKEBOOK - by Elie F. Habib

ERRANS - by Mira Adoumier

Running time: 2h:5m / Genre: Action-Drama -Thriller / Year of production: 2020

Sound: Victor Bresse Voices: Mira Adoumier, Tatiana El Dahdah, Ziad Chakaroun

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Running time: 67 min / Genre: Experimental Fiction / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



In a world where even his brothers in arms are against him, 38-year-old Major Rawad Fakhoury executes a mission impossible to provide a kidney for his dying daughter. The clock is ticking and there's no one to trust but himself.

A woman arrives in Lebanon in search of a missing man, whom she met in

Iceland a few years ago. Here, the buildings and landscapes still bear the traces

of past conflicts, and the missing friend's absence is haunting the deserted and

labyrinthine streets of Beirut. The siren song of the sea draws her to the south,

towards Earth's mystical centre. Mira Adoumier's 'Errans' is an aural and visual

essay which evokes the alienating sense of exile that the filmmaker herself

grew up with. A beautiful and levitating visual work from a place and a state of

mind where myths and cultures occupy parallel spaces. With Iceland's rugged landscapes and Beirut's urban topography as the two coordinates that her film is stretched out between, Adoumier's background as an artist is evident in her first longer film work. But there is also an elliptical narrative embedded in the

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impressionistic form of 'Errans'.

Director: Mira Adoumier Producer: Rolly Dib, Mira Adoumier Producer Consultant: Carole Abboud Cinematograhy: Mira Adoumier

MEMORY BOX - by Joana Hadjithomas and Khalil Joreige

Running time: 100 min / Genre: Fiction / Year of production: 2021



Maia, a single mother, lives in Montreal with her teenage daughter, Alex. On Christmas Eve, they receive an unexpected delivery: notebooks, tapes, and photos Maia sent to her best friend from 1980's Beirut. Maia refuses to open the box or confront its memories, but Alex secretly begins diving into it. Between fantasy and reality, Alex enters the world of her mother's tumultuous, passionate adolescence during the Lebanese civil war, unlocking mysteries of a hidden past.

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ONLY THE WINDS - by Karim Kassem

Running time: 131 min / Genre: DocuFiction / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Sales / Distribution



A Lebanese filmmaker travels from New York to Beirut to conduct research for a film that he wants to make about blind children in the mountains of Lebanon. He arrives to Beirut with a chronic condition that had been affecting his eyes and causes him to go straight into surgery, temporarily blinding him via patches covering his eyes. He uses the healing time to reflect, write and spend time with his family as well as location scout whilst not seeing. The filmmaker then begins to visit the blind institute where he will conduct his research and attempts to cast someone to play himself in parallel, which doesn't go as planned. Little does the institute know that Karim has no treatment to pitch but continues to visit the classrooms and attend in order to find his characters. He begins to become closer to Lyne, a 10 year old blind girl who dreams of becoming a singer. Her imagination begins to take her beyond a world of sight, overlapping with the filmmakers research.

Cinematography: Mohammad Hissi - Karim Kassem Editor: Soha Choucair Producer: Moustafa Kassem - Karim Kassem - Johan Matton

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MIGUEL'S WAR - by Eliane Raheb

Running time: 128 min / Genre: Hybrid Documentary / Year of production: 2021



"Miguel's war" portrays a sensitive Lebanese gay man, strongly oppressed and shamed by his society all through his youth. In 1983 he participates in Lebanon's civil war to prove that he can fight like a «real man». He fails. Traumatized by his experience, Miguel leaves to Spain. Just to get utterly lost in noxious destructive sexual relationships which bring him more harm than relief. It's only now - more than 37 years after leaving Lebanon - that Miguel is willing to confront the ghosts of his past to finally find some emotional balance. Using documentary, animation, theater and archives, this hybrid film offers an experience of self-confrontation and catharsis.

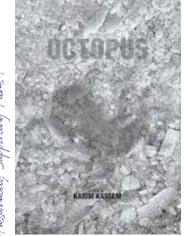
DOP: Bassem Fayad Director of animation: Fadi El Samra Sound Design: Victor Bresse Editing: Eliane Raheb Production: ITAR productions, co-production: Kabinett filmproduktion and Zeitun films

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OCTOPUS - by Karim Kassem

Running time: 64 min / Genre: DocuFiction / Year of production: 2021 / Looking for: Sales / Distribution

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A filmmaker arrives to work on his new film and is faced with a colossal explosion that changes his life and what he can do for himself and his city. Octopus explores the aftermath of the Beirut explosion. The city is under construction and there is a strange eerie nature to how life continues even in its simplest forms. The filmmaker, himself a survivor, finds himself drawn to experience and silently narrate what reality felt like to other survivors through a metaphysical lens.

Cinematography: Karim Kassem Editor: Alex Bakri Producer: Karim Kassem - Johan Matton

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STATE OF AGITATION - by Elie Khalife

Running time: 75 min / Genre: Comedy / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



Living in Beirut, a highly enthusiastic filmmaker is in a state of hyper inspiration characterized by an overflow of contrasting ideas. As a consequence, his characters will go through compelling and extraordinary circumstances. To clear his mind, he heads north where a screening of his short films is scheduled in a rural public school. A series of encounters along the way will turn his world upside down.

Director/actor/producer: Elie Khalife cinematographer: Fadi Yabroudi sound engineer: lad Asmar Executive producer: Ghiwa el Haibe Assistant director: Amanda el Kik Sound mixer: Samy el Gharbi Producers: Elie Khalife, Mahmoud Korek, Nicolas Khabbaz, Antoine Khalife Production Company: Taxi Films, The Post Office, Sunnyland Film, Leyth Productions (Tunis)

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THE BLUE INMATES - by Zeina Daccache

Running time: 75 min / Genre: Documentary / Year of production: END OF 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



The Lebanese Penal Code stipulates that "Insane" offenders shall be incarcerated until "Being Cured". The film portrays these offenders' stories through the eyes of "normal" inmates in Roumieh Prison who took the roles in a theatre play of their fellow mentally ill inmates residing in the same Prison.

Editor: MIRIAM GEAGEA DOP: KARIM GHORAYEB Sound: RAED YOUNAN Actors: INMATES RESIDING IN ROUMIEH PRISON

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THE SEA AHEAD - by Ely Dagher

Running time: 115 min / Genre: Fiction / Year of production: 2021



After a long time gone, a young woman Jana suddenly returns to Beirut and finds herself reconnecting with the familiar yet strange life she had once left.

Written And Directed By Ely Dagher Produced By Arnaud Dommerc Co-Producers Georges Schoucair, Benoît Roland, Michael B. Clark, Alex TurtItaub Associate Producers Ely Dagher, Myriam Sassine Director Of Photography Shadi Chaaban Editors Léa Masson, Ely Dagher Music Joh Dagher Sound Mixer Rawad Hobeika Sound Designer Rana Eid Re-Recording Mixer Philippe Charbonnel Production Designer Sabine Sabbagh Wardrobe Designer Lara Mae Khamis Production Supervisor Christian Eid Line Producers Ginger Beirut Productions, Abla Khoury, Lara Karam Chekerdjian An Andolfi Production In Association With Beachside In Coproduction With Wrong Men, Abbout Productions, Beaverandbeaver And Proximus, Shelter Prod With The Support Of Taxshelter.be And Ing, The Tax Shelter Of The Federal Government Of Belgium, The Hubert Bals Fund+Europe Programme Of International Film Festival Rotterdam, Doha Film Institute, Red Sea Fund, The Arab Fund For Arts And Culture (Afac), Angoa, Cinegouna Platform, Final Cut In Venice Workshop Distribution In France Jhr Films & Jour2fete Mena Sales Mad Solutions World Sales The Party Film Sales

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THE FIFTH DAY - by Farah ALHashem

Running time: 80 min / Genre: doc - cinema verité / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



in the end, one needs more courage to live than to Kill himself, Albert Camus captures the essence of The fifth day, a 80 minutes documentary that is half fiction that follows the secrets behind the suicide of Belgium Director Chantal Akerman and French post nouvelle vague filmmaker Jean Eustache, where they both ended their life on the 5th day but in a different month, and 34 years apart.

The film records conversations and confessions with award-winning filmmakers and actors from Beirut, Brussels and Paris as well as a very interesting afternoon with Jean Eustache's Son Boris who tells us everything.

Written, directed, edited and produced: Farah ALHashem

Guests and cast: Ahmad Sayyed as himself / Painter Awatif Zain - as herself - author and Journalist Bayan Itani - as herself - Writer Bassam Krillous - as himself - sculptor .Borhan Aloue as himself - Filmmaker Boris Eustache - as himself - Son of Jean Eustache Fadi Abou Samra as himself - Actor Marianne Lambert - Filmmaker and others

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WE ARE FROM THERE - by Wissam Tanios

Running time: 82 min / Genre: Documentary / Year of production: 2020



Two Syrian brothers in their mid 20s take a leap of faith and decide to start their lives from scratch in new cities. They leave everything behind except their passion for life, determination, sense of humor and hope for a better future. Their closest cousin, Wissam, decides to film their odysseys for over five years, questioning the true meaning of home, bringing back some childhood memories, while exploring the human ability to cope with change as radical as it may be.

Written and Directed by Wissam Tanios Producer Christian Eid Co-Producer Gabrielle Dumon Editor Ghina Hachicho, Mathilde Muyard Sound Rana Eid, Lama Sawaya Music Composer Bouhafa Amine Cast Milad Khawam, Jamil Khawam An Abbout Productions production In coproduction with Le Bureau, Al Jazeera Documentary Channel International Sales The Bureau Sales

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YUSIF - by Kazim Fayad

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Running time: 93 min / Genre: Psycho, Thriller, Drama / Year of production: 2021 / Looking for: International Sales Agent



Could anyone live two separated lives?

Every single life has its own stories and events for every human.

"YUSIF" is a feature narrative film that shows the life of a 25-year-old youth, who has an illness called (Dream Reality Confusion). "Yusif Ibrahim" is a university student studies Arabic literature in Beirut, he suddenly starts to live two separated lives before he decides to stop taking the treatment, and then joins a weapon trading Mafia that works in Lebanon and Syria in one of his two lives, and he does that to protect his brother "Firas" after he died in his other life while he (Firas) was trading in weapons.

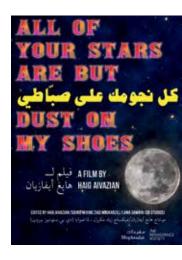
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ALL OF YOUR STARS ARE BUT DUST ON MY SHOES - by Haig Aivazian

Running time: 17'33" / Genre: non-fiction / Year of production: 2021



All of Your Stars Are but Dust on My Shoes (2021) tracks the public administration of light and darkness as an essential policing tool. The video moves between cities like New York and Paris, with the artist's native Beirut setting the central pulse. Creating an associative genealogy that moves from whale oil lamps to gas lanterns to LED bulbs, from blackouts to curfews, the video is comprised of found footage and material from the artist's own phone. Layering, splicing, and confronting disparate kinds of sound and image, Aivazian generates a sensorial meditation on how the fundamentals of human vision—light hitting the retina were mechanized into tools that capture our movements, be it in everyday life or on screen.

Written, directed, edited by: Haig Aivazian Sound design by: Haig Aivazian Stereo Mixing: Ziad Moukarzel 5.1 mixing: Lama Sawaya, Db studios

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CAMÉRA AU VOLANT - by Pierre Mouzannar

Running time: 25 min / Genre: Observational Documentary / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distributors - Festivals



In Spring 2019, A camera, back to its dear Lebanon, goes off filming its people going through their daily lives, from behind the wheel of its car.

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ANTHONY MERCHAK - by Anthony Merchak

Running time: 25 min / Genre: short documentary / Year of production: 2021 / Looking for: distribution



DOP : Youssef El Fadli

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The capital Beirut that is known for being the second city in the world that does not sleep after New York; New York for work and Beirut for its night life On the 4th of August also, Beirut scored a second place but this time for the second biggest non-nuclear explosion in the world. On that day at 6:07 pm everything changed in Beirut's history and Anthony's life,

as he was few meters from the explosion. Anthony describe in this documentary his personal experience accompanied with real footage that will be shown for the first time.

ESQUISSE - by Manal Zakharia

Running time: 18 min / Genre: Drama / Year of production: 2020



Writer and Director: Manal Zakharia Producer: Manal Zakharia Assistant Director: Melissa Abdallah Director of Photography: Joanna Kaii Sound Engineer: Camille Cabbabé Editor: Manal Zakharia

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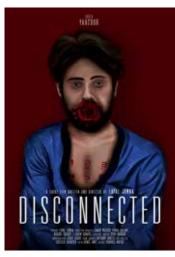
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The inability to make a movie became the movie.

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DISCONNECTED- by Laval Jomaa

Running time: 16 min / Genre: Psychological Drama / Year of production: 2020



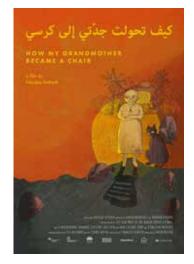
Suffering from insomnia, Ibrahim spends most of his nights accompanied by his neighbours' conversations due to his broken landline that eavesdrops over his entire neighbourhood in Beirut. Lisa, a sleepless neighbour, connects often to Ibrahim's line.

Director/Producer: Layal Jomaa Cinematographer: Jihad Saade Sound Recordist/Post-Sound: Anthony Ghazel Editor: Renée Awit Assistant Director: Remy Haddad Art Director: Chelsea Chouceir Script Supervisor: Yara Lahoud Original Score by: Def Twogee & Tyler Rydosz Art Direction Team: -Noha Abou Hanna -Michele Sabbagh -Gaïa Geha -Nour Fakhoury -Elie Samra -Kevin Assaf -Tracy Boutrous -Charbel Raffoul Stylist: Rea Khoury Production Managers: Jawad Mezher -Rania Salameh -Nisrine Khoury -Karim Gemayel Production Assistants: -Alex Saad -Charbel Raffoul -Charbel Issa Ist Assistant Camera: Rawad Saad 2nd Assistant Camera: Bakhos Naim On-set Editor: Tarek Merhi Ronin Operator: Eric Tabcharani Assistant Ronin: Reiss Nehme Gaffer: Hussein Fneish Lighting Assistants: -Moaz Habli -Abdo Akiki -Ramy Hankach SFX Make-up: -Samantha Ayoub -Krissy Toubia -Chloe Alam Colorist: Charbel Matar VFX Artist: Audrey Ayoub Cord Animator: Aref Merhi Credits Animator: Gaby Milky Sponsor: Mohammed Jomaa Behind-The-Scenes: -Dimitri Nassar -Georges Matar Catering: -Carla Abou Mershed -Antoinette Kehdy Prop Master: Chady Waked Pet Owner: Mahmoud Alama Script Doctor: Jawad Mezher

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HOW MY GRANDMOTHER BECAME A CHAIR - by Nicolas Fattouh

Running time: 9 min 55 sec / Genre: Animation - Drama - Family / Year of production: 2020



Grandmother is deteriorating after her greedy children left her. Rose, her thorny housekeeper beast, is unable to prevent her transformation into a chair as Grandmother loses her senses one by one. Hierarchy dissolves into equality between the two women when Rose regains her human figure and turns out to be the real family member Grandmother was always looking for. This story is about life, death and the truths revealed when social stigmas fall off.

Director, Design, Script: Nicolas Fattouh Producers: Fabian Driehorst, Nermine Haddad Animation Supervisor: Frédéric Schuld Animation Director: Till Machmer Animation: Adrian Jaffé, Alba Dragonetti, Augustina Morici, Carlo Palazzari, Florian Maubach, Friedrich Schäper, Markus Rockstroh, Meike Fehre, Nicolas Fattouh, Rebecca Blöcher, Shadi Adib, Yann Le Bot Backgrounds: Markus Rockstroh, Nicolas Fattouh, Rebecca Fattouh Compositing: Till Machmer Editing: Frédéric Schuld Music: Cedric Kayem Sound Design & Sound Editing: François Yazbeck Sound Design Supervisor: Rana Eid Sound Mixing: Simon Bastian Audio Postproduction: db Studios, Beirut Sound Mixing Studio: Zeigermann Audio, Hamburg

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MÉMOIRES OF CEMENT - by Josef Khallouf

Running time: 3 min / Genre: Experimental / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



Running time: 2 min 8 sec / Genre: Poetical Essay / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Lebanese / European Distributor



To be queer and to linger between states, between nation-states. A poetical essay that very briefly explores fragments of a long distance relationship, when two lovers meet, when they are caught in transit.

A film by: Chantal Partamian With: Senda Ben Jebara Poem by: Hashem

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"Mémoires Of Cement" explores the resemblance of the feeling between a present, where most of humanity is confined because of a killer virus, and a past where I, a 6 year-old child, was confined at home because of the war. Totally homemade, "Mémoires Of Cement" is the result of some digging work into the faded memories of a child.

Writer, Director, Composer, Editor: Josef Khallouf Subtitles: Nadia Labidi

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NOT FAR FROM HERE - by Jihad Saade

Running time: 16 min / Genre: Drama / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Festivals



A filmmaker stumbles upon an unexpected acquaintance at a conference, and suggests they catch-up in a nearby coffee shop. However, inevitable circumstances make their meet-up problematic, disrupting their ability to reconnect.

Produced By: P.r.l. Films Written and Directed By: lihad Saade

Starring: Rabih Al Ahmar Lea Ireij Executive Producer: Mohammad Sammak Ist Assistant Director: Laval Iomaa 2nd Assistant Director: Yara Lahoud Director Of Photography: Leo Malek Camera Assistant: Rawad Saad Lighting Assitant: Hussein Fneish Sound Engineer: Elie Samra Line Producer: Marianne Merhi Casting Director: Layal Jomaa Art Director: Yara Sablouny Editor: Nathalie Moussa, Marie Louise Elia Colorist: Adrien Heylen Sound Designer: Francois Yazbek

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PEEK-A-BOOM- by Maya Zankoul & Toni Yammine

Running time: 5 min 25 sec / Genre: Drama / Year of production: 2021 Looking for: Participation in big festivals / Exposure of our film to audiences in Lebanon and worldwide



Mira's life forever.

Please see all crew here: http://peekaboomfilm.com/team/

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I WANT TO LEAVE - by Ralph Khoury

Running time: 2min 40sec / Genre: Animation / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



Hope, a spark of light, a push to fight, an essence to life... Hope, an extended torment, a constance in the human mind. "Badde Fel" is a story of hope, following the Beirut explosion. A short story of a young Lebanese, battered by a collapsing economy, a corrupt political agenda and a tragic explosion. Devastated and shook by these unsure events, the young man is determined to clean his city, kiss his mom goodbye and leave his past behind... or maybe not...

Animation: Ralph Khoury @gingerpotter21 Lyrics and voice: Samer Rayess @samerrayess Music: Alain Mendelek @alainmendelek and Faysal Tabbara @faysaltabbara Sound: Ryan Georgi @ ryandgeorgi

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RED WALL - by Cynthia Sawma

Running time: 4 min / Genre: Short Fiction / Year of production: 2020



After surviving the Beirut blast on August 4th 2020, Khalil and Leila, two longtime friends from the Sursock museum are forced to get separated. Before Leila moves to France, Khalil must break his silence and confront her with what he has been hiding for so many years.

Starring Abla Khoury, Mohammad Akil, Fouad Yammine Directed by Cynthia Sawma Written by Cynthia Sawma, Fouad Yammine Producer: Dany Chamoun Executive Producer: Gabriel Chamoun Director of Photography: Rachelle Noja Line Producer: Sarah El Arab Editor: Rita Mounzer Music Composer: Charbel Sawma Sound Design & Mix: Lama Sawaya Focus Puller: |ad Tahtah Sound Recordist: Paul Awad Colorist: Alex Webb VO Recordist: Marwan Tohme DIT: Elige Nehmeh Post Supervisor: Richard Nakhle Post Producer: Shady Obeid Equipment: Final Cut Equipped

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Surrounded by her loving family on her birthday, an event occurs that shapes

SANDJAK - by Chantal Partamian

Running time: 8m 59 sec / Genre: Documentary / Year of production: 2021/ Looking for: Lebanese/ European Distributor



Navigating three types of images, shot in three different periods, the film explores the poetics of haunting through compositions of images that attempt to create an entanglement between the past and the present. An intimate but detached voice, a little stoic even, speaking of countless losses. The repeated affirmation of belonging to a place that is no onger. It is an exercise in the dismantlement of the Sandjak camp space. The haunting of the present by absences. The fragmentation of history and memory. The experience in the margins and the historical anachronism of a people evolving in temporal landscapes.

a film by: Chantal Partamian With: Takouhi Partamian Sound Design: Ramzi Madi Music: To Sophia (Redux), Anarchist Mountains Color Grading: Elie J- Partamian Editing: Chantal Partamian

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SHATTERED: BEIRUT 6.07 - by Carol Mansour

Running time: 17 min / Genre: Short Documentary / Year of production: 2020 / Looking for: Distribution



Two months after the massive explosion that devastated Beirut, the inhabitants of the city are still reeling from the force of the blast and the accumulated evil they have been subjected to for decades. Carol Mansour explored her city in the aftermath of the blast, talking to friends and exchanging reflections on what has happened and its implications on them, in candid unscripted voice note messages. Feelings of helplessness, frustration and overwhelming anger at the political class, permeate this short film as we are taken on a tour of the destruction of homes, livelihoods and lives.

Director: Carol Mansour; Camera: Carol Mansour (on iPhone); Editor: Carol Mansour; Research: Muna Khalidi; Additional Footage: Special thanks to Talal Khoury and Tariq Keblaoui; Sound Editing & Mixing: Rana Eid; Colorist: Marwan Ziadeh

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STILLNESS - by Jessica Mansour

Running time: 2 min / Genre: Short Documentary / Year of production: 2020



of a city and to destroy people's lives.

Chamoun DP: Rachelle Noja Line Producer: Sarah El Arab Nakhle Drone Operator: Harout Bakijian Colorist: Alex Webb

STOVE - by Jad Andari

Running time: 55 min / Genre: Documentary / Year of production: 2019



An intimate exploration of life in Bzebdine, a small rural village in Mount Lebanon.

Director: Jad Andari Director of Photography: Ramzi Hibri Editor: Carine Doumit Sound Recording: Ralph Atallah Sound Editor: Shakeeb Abu Hamdan

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Films

- It took Couple of seconds to change the beat of a country, to deform the face
- This film is about Beirut grieving in stillness. Moving in this city while dwelling on the memories of the explosion of the 4th of August 2020.
- Directed by Jessica Mansour Producer: Dany Chamoun Executive Producer: Gabriel
- Editor: Soha Choucair Sound Designer: Paul Awarji Post-Prod Supervisor: Richard
- Focus Puller: |ad Tahtah Sound recordist: Paul Awwad DIT: Elige Nehmeh
- Post-Producer: Shady Obeid Title: Bernard Hage SFX: Youssef Boutros

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SUPERJOE - by Samah El Kadi

Running time: 2 min 40 sec / Genre: Short Docu-Fiction



Heroes are made out of suffering and distress, and that only liberates their powers. An inspiring docu-fiction about loe, who not only survived the Beirut blast by a miracle but lived to see himself become a superhero.

Directed by Samah El Kadi Producer: Dany Chamoun Executive Producer: Gabriel Chamoun Director of Photography: Joe Naman Line Producer: Sarah El Arab Editor: Gerard Daccache Music Composer: Danny Bou Maroun Post-Production Supervisor: Richard Nakhle Costume Designer: Ola Achkar Cast Coordinator: Aya Bizri Focus Puller: Jad Tahtah DIT: Elige Nehmeh Post-Producer: Shady Obeid Colorist: Lynn Abiad - Pixel Mob Sound Design & Mix: Marwan Tohme - Forest Studios Equipment: Final Cut Equipped

THE RED MOUNTAIN - by Kamel Harb

Running time: 15 min / Genre: short fiction / Year of production: 2020



The dream of escaping a cruel boarding school takes a group of boys far with their thoughts and plans. Only one obstacle threatens them, a mountain standing high in the face of their will.

Writing and directing by Kamel Harb Cinematography : Hussein Farhat Production designer: Fatima Baz Music by : Hessam Saroukhani Vfx supervisor: Mohamad Baradran

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THE HURL - by Samir Kawas

Running time: 4 min / Genre: Sci-Fi, Environmental / Year of production: 2021 Looking for: Film Festivals (for sci-fi films, environmental films, genre films, director's first film etc.), Distributors, Producers

for other films we're working on (fantasy, horror, scifi), Investors for other films we're working on



Trash around a small town in Lebanon mysteriously starts to slither away onto the streets, forming a monstrous, sky-scraping tower of garbage, Mother Nature's vengeful plan to ruin whoever has ruined her Earth. Little do the frightened citizens know that they've brought the hurl upon themselves.

Writer/Director/Editor/VFX: Samir Kawas Producer/Assistant Director: Lama Hatoum D.O.P.: Mikaella Aramouni Colorist: Shirine Sinno

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TO NOWHERE - by Pamela Nassour

Running time: 8 min 15 sec / Genre: Experimental / Year of production: 2020



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Bringing into being another planet formed by astonishing landscapes, mysterious caves, and high mountains to get carried away to a world of the virgin territory of pure skin.

Director: Pamela Nassour Cinematographer: Joseph Abdo Writer: Fawzi Yammine Editor and Colorist: Ziad Mazraany Making of: Moris Zoghby Graphics: Rita Mazraany Music composer: Jimmy Mannah Sound designer: Maurice Abdallah Male Voice over: Fawzi Yammine Female Voice over: Salma El Hage

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TRIBUTE TO ELIAS KHOURY - by Elie Fahed

Running time: 3 min / Genre: Short Documentary / Year of production: 2020



Elias Khoury's portrait broke the hearts of every Lebanese when his life was taken away by this terrible tragedy. This tribute aims at keeping Elias forever alive through the memory of his mother and loved ones, and his voice through his music.

Directed & Edited by Elie Fahed Producer: Dany Chamoun Executive Producer: Gabriel Chamoun

LEBANESE Series

WARSHA - by Dania Bdeir

Running time: 15 min / Genre: Court metrage, Social - LGBT / Year of production: 2021 Looking for: Festival programmers / Sales



A Syrian migrant working as a crane operator in a construction site in Beirut unleashes his inner drag queen when he is away from everyone's eyes; in his little cabin 150 meters high.

Director: Dania Bdeir DOP: Chadi Chaaban Actor / Performer: Mohamad el Khansa

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AMNESIA - by Rodney Al Haddad

Producer: Eagle Films / Genre: Drama – Crime - Suspense (8 episodes) / Country: GCC / Scriptwriter: Hanin Omar



A painter loses her memory due to an accident, so she decides to search in her past, to find out the reasons behind what happened to her. The conflict between the past and the present starts, some friends from the past help her and others betray her trying to mislead her.

Fatima Al Safi, Hamad Ashkanani, Diaman Bou Abboud, Elie Mitri, Khitam Al Lahham, Cynthia Karam, Carol Abboud and others

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DOFAAT BEIRUT - by Ali Al Ali

Producer: Eagle Films / Genre: Drama - Suspense (30 episodes) / Country: Pan Arab/ Scriptwriter: Heba Mashari Hmada



They are a group of students who meet in Beirut, at the American University in the seventies. Social stories bring them together and set them apart, events and tales in society, customs, traditions, politics and arts, while working with pleasure, suspense, and fun narration.

Nour Al Ghandour, Mouhannad Al Hamdi, Fatima Al Safi, Mahmoud Nasr, Carol Azar, Khaled Al Chaer, Ali Kalouki, Hamad Ashkanani, Nour El Sheikh, Lulwa Al Mulla, Rawan Mahdi, Yara Qassem, Zulfigar Khader, Ans Tayara, Nasser Al Dosari, Layali Dhrab, Wael Mansour, Sarah Abi Kanaan and others

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DNA - by Al Muthana Soboh

Producer: Eagle Films / Genre: Drama - Suspense (10 episodes) / Country: Pan Arab / Scriptwriter: Reem Hanna



It's the story of a man who escapes from a gang that kidnaps him, and pretends to be the son of a family who has lost its son many years ago. It is based on a true story. The story of the young man leads him to meet a young woman in the family he enters, claiming to be their son, so a love affair grows between them, and she starts helping him uncover his past and escape from the gang who is chasing after him.

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THE CUP READER - by Mohamed Gomaa

Producer: Eagle Films / Genre: Drama - Crime - Suspense (10 episodes) / Country: Pan Arab Scriptwriter: Iyad Saleh & Hani Sarhan



It's a phone application, and when you download it, your life will change and the game will start controlling your destiny. Our heroes are a group of young men and women who meet in Beirut for an occasion, and agree to enter the game for fun, so they get stuck and get involved in it, and they get into frightening experiences and challenges.

Ahmed Fahmy, Basem Mughniyeh, Ward El Khal, Rawan Mahdi, Yara Kassem, Mahmoud El Leithi, Tatiana Mereb and others

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THE INNOCENT - by Rami Hanna

Producer: Eagle Films / Genre: Drama – Suspense (8 episodes) / Country: Lebanon / Scriptwriter: Mariam Naoum



It's the story of a young woman whose life changes due to an incident that lands her in prison. And when she gets out, she tries her best to prove her innocence and take revenge on those behind her involvement. Destiny leads her to meet a few people, some of them help her and others stand in her way, preventing her from discovering facts that involve many personalities, and preventing her from getting her previous life back, her family and her daughter.

Carmen Bsaibes, Takla Chamoun, Yorgo Shalhoub, Badih Abu Shakra, Sasha Dahdouh, Elie Mitri and others

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TILL DEATH - by Philippe Asmar

Producer: Eagle Films / Genre: Drama - Suspense (30 episodes) / Country: Pan Arab / Scriptwriter: Nadine Jaber



It's the story of two girls who have been brought together by fate since their childhood, As they were brought up in an orphanage, grew up, life was hard on them and turned them into crooks. They chase after businessmen and wealthy people, rip them off and run away. Their fate leads them to meet a rich man, one of them falls in love with him, and disagreements begin between the two girls, which leads to their exposure. But will they come together and run away again, or will they get punished for what they have done?

Maguy Bou Ghosn, Daniela Rahmeh, Muhammad Al Ahmad, Khaled Al Qeesh, Bassem Mughniyeh, Carol Abboud, Sabah Al Jazaery, Ahmed Al Zein, Randa Kaady and others.

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NO SIGNAL - by Samah El Kadi

Producer: Dany Chamoun / **Genre:** Anthology Web-Series / **Country:** Lebanon / **Scriptwriter:** Samah El Kadi, Nader Mansour, Rani Nasr, Dany Chamoun , Ali Hammoush, Noor Abboud



An unfiltered and unhinged insight into the minds of Arab youth. The series serves as entertaining eclectic anthology that is both a dairy and satirical observation of the dis/connected generation. The hopes, thoughts, fears, and anxieties are just some of the topics that resonate and swirl throughout each episode.

Director and Writer: Samah El Kadi Producer: Dany Chamoun Actors: Nader Mansour, Christina Cavalcanti, Abdel Nasser Shoukair, Jessica Mansour, Hassan Akil, Mazen Yammine. Writers Room: Nader Mansour, Rani Nasr, Dany Chamoun, Ali Hammoush, Noor Abboud Cinematographer: Alain Donio Art Director: Sarah Moundalek Music: Danny Bou Maroun Editor: Angela Dabbak, Gerard Daccache Colorist: Charbel Abi Semaan Sound Design & Mixing: Marwan Tohme Assistant Director: Reine Razzouk Graphic Design: Sama Beydoun VFX: Eddy Farah Photographers: Joe Elias and Sama Beydoun Focus Puller: Riad Haddad @phoenix_eye_equipped Gaffer: Abdo Semman Production Coordinator: Ayeesha Starkey Production Assistant: Bea Doumit Props & Wardrobe: Nour Moundalek Post Production Supervisor: Shady Obeid Special Thanks: Forest Studios and The Talkies

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2020 – season I – 30 eps x ITVHour - by Philippe Asmar

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Suspense, Drama, Romance / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Bilal Shahadat - Nadine Jaber



Seeking revenge, a woman goes to the village where her brother was killed, but her ride becomes bumpy when she finds herself falling in love.

Actors: Nadine Nassib Njeim - Kossay El Khawli - Rami Ayyash - Carmen Lebbos - Fadi Abi Samra - Fadi Ibrahim - Randa Kehdi

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AL HAYBA SEASON 4 – "The Payback" – 30 eps x ITVHour - by Samer Berkawi

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Suspense, Drama, Action / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Samer Nassrallah - Said Serhan - Ahmad Kassar - Wakim Kazak - Yazan Tarabey



The ambush that has been set for Jabal changes the life of him and his family forever. His reaction will equal his pain.

Actors: Taim Hasan - Mona Wassef - Adel Karam - Dima Kandalft - Abdo Chahine - - Said Serhan - Mohammad Akil - Oweiss Mokhalalati Rozayna Ladkani

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ALL IN ALL - 30 eps x ITVHour - by Charles Chlela

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Social, Drama / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Iyad Abou Al Shamat



The marriage of Yasmeen and Ward was nothing but the inevitable result of a stormy love story that brought them together. Their marriage was deeply shaken, when their 6 years old son, Sami, renders comatose in a car accident, the marital tie totally cracked, after that, Yasmeen finds out about Ward affair with the Lawyer Tara, We will witness a contemporary story that relates, how the relationship, between our main characters, will fluctuate between love and aversion, and the conflict flares up within Ward. When problems arise, some couples find that it's healthier to simply go their separate ways.

Who said that without Forgiveness, and Effort, Love and Marriage could nurture, and survive the hardest challenges, even could grow stronger!

Actors: Moatassem el Nahar - Rita Hayek - Badih Abou Chacra - Cynthia Samuel.

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ANA – Season I – 15 eps x ITVHour - by Samer Berkawi

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Romantic, Social / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Abir Charara



Karam, a successful engineer, leads a life that people may deem perfect, but its intricacies unfold when he falls in love with two different women.

Actors: Taim Hassan, Razane Jammal, Rola Beksmati, Diamand Abou Abboud, Elie Mitri, Joseph Bou Nassar, Hisham Abu Sleiman

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BRIGHT BLACK – Season I - 30 eps x ITVHour - by Karim El Adel

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Drama, Social / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Amin Gamal



Rania Khattab's life turns upside down when she loses everything, and suddenly finds herself a fugitive seeking revenge to get her life back.

Actors: Haifa Wehbe, Moatassem Al Nahar, Ahmed Fahmy, Sabry Fawwaz, Sherif Salama

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HELLSGATE – Season I - 8 eps x ITVHour - by Amin Dorra

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers), Shahid Original / Genre: Post-apocalyptic / action / thriller / drama Scriptwriter: Bassem Breish - Said Serhan



Actors: Adam Bakri - Cynthia Samuel - Said Serhan - Youmna Marwan - Reem Khoury - Fadi Abi Samra - Hasan Farhat - Bechara Attalah

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LOVE ME NOT – Season 2 - 60 eps x ITVHour - by Rasha Sharbatji

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Telenovela / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Claudia Marchalian



When Fares comes back from Syria to reopen his parents' restaurant, he is struck by rumors accusing the powerful landlord Fawzi of a murder years ago. A truth that is bound to threaten the love story that has started with Yasma, Fawzi's daughter.

Actors: Moatassem ElNahar - Valerie Abu Chacra - Carmen Lebbos - Cynthia Samuel - Liliane Nemri-Elsa Zgheib - Wissam Breidi - Zeina Makki - Joe Trad - Natasha Choufani

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NOT GUILTY - Season I - 15 eps x ITVHour - by Philippe Asmar

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Suspense, Drama, Social / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Bilal Shahadat - Nadine laber



Actors: Kossay EL Khawli - Valerie Abu Chacra - Carlos Azar - Tony Issa - Carol El Haji

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THE BLUE EYE – Season I - 60 eps x ITVHour - by Julien Maalouf

Producer: Cedars Art Production (Sabbah Brothers) / Genre: Telenovela / Country: Lebanon Scriptwriter: Claudia Marchalian



In a Lebanese village, Zain and Alia were living a beautiful love story, but when Alia marries a rich man and travels with him abroad, the love ends. Years later, Alia returns to the village and events escalate when secrets are revealed.

Actors: Moatassem El Nahar -Rola Bokssmati - Badih Abou Chacra - Carmen Lebbos -Serena el Chami -Tony Issa - Wissam Saliba - Youssef Haddad - Faten Chahine - Hind Khadra.

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Years after being sentenced to life in prison for killing his mum and stepdad, a man's life changes when a lawyer shows up with exculpatory evidence.

ZYARA - by Muriel Aboulrouss

Producer: Denise Jabbour / Genre: Documentary Series / Country: Lebanon



"Zyara" presents an innovative and deeply personal approach to storytelling. These exceptionally moving web documentaries unlock the testimonies of individuals who have experienced and overcome a wide range of social challenges through courage, perseverance and resilience. They have a unique role to play in promoting social cohesion, underlining the qualities which people have in common rather than those which set them apart.

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