ARABIAN SIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL 2017
CONTEMPORARY ARAB CINEMA
October 20 – 29

WASHINGTON – The 22nd Annual *Arabian Sights Film Festival*, October 20 – 29, is pleased to announce its selection of diverse and thought-provoking films from the Arab world. Films are American and Washington, DC premieres. All films are screened with English subtitles.

WHAT: 22nd Arabian Sights Film Festival

WHEN: October 20 – 29, 2017

WHERE: Screenings will be held at AMC Mazza Gallerie Theatres, 5300 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC

COST: $13 per ticket unless otherwise noted. Discount Package – 10 tickets for $100 (does not include Closing Night). Student discount available at the theater. Tickets can be purchased on our website, filmfestdc.org/arabiansights, or at Eventnation.co. Advanced purchases are subject to a convenience fee.

MORE INFORMATION: Film descriptions, screening schedules, special events and other information can be found at **filmfestdc.org/arabiansights**.

WHY: The Arabian Sights Film Festival showcases the newest and most compelling films made by directors who tell engaging stories while exploring issues facing the Arab region. The festival highlights quality cinema from a region often overlooked in mainstream American theaters. It is a constantly dynamic event with select directors present at their screenings to lend insight to the filmmaking process. The Washington, DC International Film Festival is the parent organization of *Arabian Sights*. This year, *Arabian Sights* is presented by the Embassy of the United Arab Emirates in Washington, DC.

This year's festival includes:

- **A Day for Women** │ Egypt
  - Official Selection, BFI London International Film Festival
  - Opening film at the Cairo International Film Festival
  - Official Selection, Dubai International Film Festival
- **Blessed Benefit** │ Jordan
  - NETPAC Award – Best Asian Film, Warsaw International Film Festival
  - Special Jury Award – Best Actor Ahmad Thaher Taher, Warsaw International Film Festival
  - Official Selection, Toronto International Film Festival
  - Official Selection, Palm Springs International Film Festival
- **Foreign Body** │ Tunisia/France

- Best Screenplay, River Run International Film Festival
- Official Selection, Toronto International Film Festival
- **I Still Hide to Smoke** │ Algeria/France/Greece
  - Audience Award, Thessaloniki Film Festival
  - Third Prize, Sharm El-Sheikh International Festival
  - Nuovi Sguardi, Sguardi Altrove Film Festival
  - Best Feature Film of a Debut Filmmaker, Cyprus International Film Festival
  - Best Script of a First Feature Film, Cyprus International Film Festival
  - Best Cinematography of a First Feature Film, Cyprus International Film Festival
  - Best Director of a First Feature Film, Cyprus International Film Festival
  - Best Production Design of a First Feature Film, Cyprus International Film Festival
  - Best Editing of a First Feature Film, Cyprus International Film Festival
  - Best Leading Actress of a First Feature Film, Cyprus International Film Festival
- **In Syria (Insyriated)** │ Lebanon/Belgium/France
  - Panoroma Audience Award, Berlin International Film Festival
- **My Uncle** │ Morocco
  - Tribute program, Marrakech International Film Festival
- **The Originals** │ Egypt
- **Solitaire** │ Lebanon/Jordan /Egypt
  - Official Selection, Dubai International Film Festival
  - Official Selection, Seattle International Film Festival
  - Official Selection, Filmfest DC
- **The Worthy** │ United Arab Emirates
  - Official Selection, BFI London Film Festival

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