



Director Bio

Amir Payam is an award winning documentary filmmaker, broadcast journalist with BBC World Service. Currently based in Washington DC, Amir created and produced Chamedan ("Suitcase"), a seasonal radio show dedicated to Iranian diaspora. In 2014, New York International Radio Festival awarded it World Silver Medal to Chamedan putting in its "The World's Best Documentaries in 2013".

With 19 years experience in journalism and holding an MA in Psychology, Amir is especially recognized for his in-depth reporting on human stories and social issues like substance abuse.

He initially showed interest in documentary making in 1992 when he did a short documentary on a leprosy village in northwest of Iran. Amir is currently working for BBC World Service as Washington correspondent, and is member of New York International Radio Festival Grand Jury since 2015.