

## **BIOGRAPHY**



*Faysal Soysal was born in Batman in 1979. He left medical school to focus on poetry and cinema in 2000. Between 2003 and 2007, he finished his Masters Degrees on "Film Directing" in Tehran Art University-Iran and at the same time "New Turkish Literature" at Van Yuzuncuyil University-Turkey. He did 4 short films in Iran, which were awarded at international film festivals. With his 35mm short film 'Dreams of Lost Time, he's become closer to find his own cinematographic expression and language.*

*In 2008, with a scholarship, he attended to the New York Film Academy. Faysal directed 4 short films; three of them were shot in 16mm. He has been selected for Talent Campus of Sarajevo Film Festival at 2009*

*He finished filming his first feature film 'Crossroads' in 2013, Turkey and Bosnia & Herzegovina got 13 awards from film festivals. He did documentary series for Al Jazire and Trt Documentry channel. Published book on poetry and cinema. Now He is working on his new feature film project.*

## **FILMOGRAPHY**

### **Feature Film**

*Crossroads, 2013*

*Building of Hope, 2016 Tv-film, General Director*

### **Documentary**

*First Songs has been Changed in Istanbul, 2014*

*Missing Times in Srebrenica-Prijedor, 2015*

*Worldwide Stories 11 episode, 2014-2015*

*Mother of Srebrenica 5 episode, 2015*

*Journey to East-Iranian Kurdish Cultural Life, 26 episode*

### **Short Film**

*Forbidden Dream 2005*

*Ithaki 2005*

*The Day I Became My Mother 2006*

*Dreams of Lost Time 2007*

*Mizan-sen 2008*

*What Time It Is ?, 2008*

### **Music Video**

*İstanbul 2008*

*İthaca 2008*

## **AWARDS**

### **'Crossroads'**

Best Screenplay at 32.Tehran International Fajr Film Festival, 2014

Best Turkish film of 2013 by Eskader Art Critics

Best New Talented Director 25.Ankara Film Festival, 2014

Special Juri Prize, 10.Kazan International Film Festival, 2014

Best Actor, 6.Prifest Kosova International Film Festival, 2014

### **"The Dreams of Lost Time"**

Best Short Film - Boston Turkish Film Festival, 2008

Best Cinematography and Best film - Marmara University Film Festival, 2007

Honorary Award - Tehran International Short Film Festival, 2007

Best Short Film - Istanbul International Film Festival, 2007

### **"The Day I Became My Mother"**

Special Media Prize - Baku Audio Visual Film Festival, Azerbaijan, 2006

### **"Forbidden Dream"**

Second Short Prize - Kristal Klaket Film Festival, 2007

Best Script and Best Cinematography - Kisa Cek Short Film Festival, 2006

Best Film - Human Rights Short Film Festival in Istanbul, 2005

Best Film from Qazvin (Iran) Short Film Festival, 2005

### **His Books:**

*Düşe Yağmalanan Hayal Kuyusu*, poetry, 2003

*Bir Ölünün Defteri*, poetry, 2011

*Akdenizdeki Çöl*, Sohrab Sepeheri & F.G. Lorca, translated poems, 2011

*The re-found Hope, A. Tarkovsky's Cinema*, Babak Ahmadi, Translation, 2011