

A FILM BY ALAA ZABARA



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SELAHY

STARRING MALAK NASSAR MOHAMMAD NIZAR WITH SAMEERA ASIR AND JAMAL MERI EDITED BY BRITTNEY FLORES & ALAA ZABARA
AUDIO POST PRODUCTION CHARLES SOVEK PRODUCTION & COSTUME DESIGNER MARIAM NAJJAR DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY NAJI SALAMEH MUSIC BY EDWARD KNOECKEL
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER AIDA AMERICANI MOHAMMAD KHAMIS PRODUCED BY PIERRE BAGLEY WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY ALAA ZABARA

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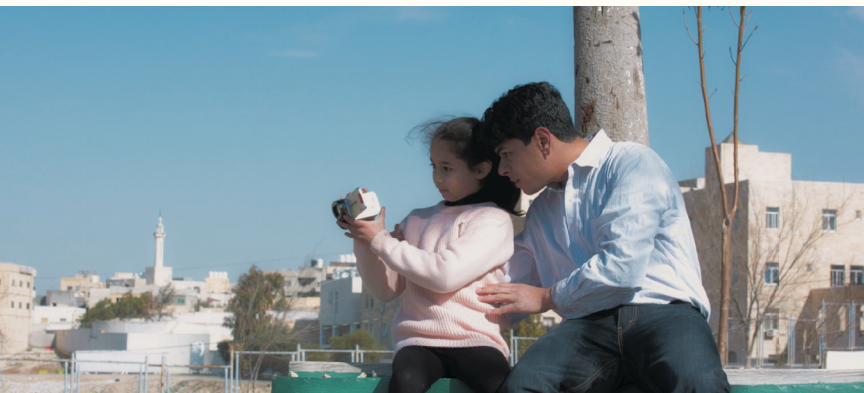
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LOGLINE

A young, deaf Yemeni girl, born in the ravages of a war zone, whose only weapons are her hearing aids and an old video camera.



SYNOPSIS

Selahy (*My Weapon*) a short narrative film that takes place in war-torn Yemen and follows a young hard of hearing girl, Saleemah who has one major love in this world; her camera which her brother Aqeel introduced her to. Aqeel, works as a news reporter and is unable to take her out to film because he is preoccupied covering the war. Frustrated, Saleemah wanders out of the house during an impending air strike. To make matters worse, she loses her hearing aids.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

My family and I were evacuated from the crisis in Yemen and being hard of hearing, I felt that it is important for me to show the perspective of all the innocent children who are suffering from the war. This film is a universal story that can relate to any country who has experienced the ravages of war, through the perspective and lens of a girl who is hard of hearing.

ABOUT THE CREATORS



Writer/Director

Alaa Zabara is a hard of hearing independent Yemeni-American filmmaker based in Virginia. In 2015 Alaa became a refugee from the crisis in Yemen. The driving passion behind Alaa's work is to highlight the stories that need to be told and to amplify the voices of the voiceless.

Producer

Pierre Bagley is most widely known for his 2014 theatrically released motion picture, "From the Rough," starring Academy Award nominees, Taraji P. Henson (Hidden Figures), Michael Clarke Duncan (The Green Mile), and British actor Tom Felton (Harry Potter). Pierre has spent his entire career breaking down the cultural and economic barriers that have traditionally prevented emerging filmmakers from telling their stories.



THE CAST

MALAK NASSAR

Malak is a Jordanian first time actress. She is born to a deaf parent. With a love of drawing and theater, her dream is to become an actress where she can continue to spot a light for underrepresents characters of deaf and disabilities.



Mohammad Nizar

Mohammad is a Jordanian-Palestinian actor. He is widely known for playing "Nasser", one of the main roles in JINN, Netflix's first Arabic-speaking Netflix Original. That same year, Mohammad also appeared in the Ramadan special Abu Dhabi TV series "Oboor".



MAIN CAST

Saleemah	Malak Nassar
Aqeel	Mohammad NizaR
Mother	Sameera Asir
Father	Jamal Meri

MAIN CREW

Writer/Director	Alaa Zabara
Producer	Pierre Bagley
Executive Producer	Aida Americani Mohammad Khamis
Director of Photography	Naji SalamEh
Production/Custom Designer	Mariam Najjar
Editor	Brittney Flores Alaa Zabara
Audio Post Production	Charles Sovek
Music Composer	Edward Knoeckel
Casting	BELAL HDEIB v

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Original Title	Selahy
International Title	My Weapon
Duration	14 min
Aspect Ratio	16:9
Format	4K
Year	2020
Original Language	Arabic and Arabic Sign Language
Country of Filming	Jordan

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