

360/ VR Yemen Documentary

~10 min

Title:

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from (selm); who lives in peace	من (سلم)؛ الذي يعيش في سلام

Logline:

Amat Al-Lateef, 27, and Mohammed, 31, are from the north and south of Yemen. Each in their way tries to keep the Yemeni honey available to Yemenis locally and abroad, despite the obstacles and destructions infused by the seven years of the ongoing war.

Short Synopsis:

COVID-19 brought another layer of hardship to Yemenis. With the lack of health facilities and medical support, Yemenis seek refuge in natural remedies, especially honey. However, the war caused limitations, deprived many of accessing it. Amat Al-Lateef, a graduate of the Faculty of Agriculture from the University of Sana'a and a social activist, decided to take things into her own hands and work on beekeeping to increase honey production. As she struggles to provide for herself and her family, her end goal is to have affordable, high-quality honey for all Yemenis. On the other side, Mohammed is an accountant at a healthcare facility and a beekeeper at his family farm in Hadhramaut, Yemen. Amidst the war, he decided to pick up the family business, and now he has over 70 beehives from which he provides for himself and his family. Through their stories, both Amat and Mohammed give an insight into their lives in Yemen. And together, each in their way, battle the effects of war daily through their passion for bees and honey.

Lead creator(s)

Please specify their names, roles and previous works.

[Al-Dhubhani, Mariam] (Director, Old Sana'a City: Samsarat Al-Nuhas)

[Meyer, Adrian] (Digital Artist, Sands of Mind)

[Oliveira, JC] (Editor, Sintonia Espacial)

[Boecker, Rodrigo] (Sound Design and Mix, Cine Metro)

Award/Grant/Selection/Exhibitions

Please specify date and event, and etc.

In addition to festival screenings, the cinematic experience will be screened in high-level meetings with policymakers. The film aims to use storytelling to impact policymakers and get them to experience Yemen and maybe understand the situation better from a Yemeni point of view. (TBD)

Filmography:

Just Another Memory, 2018

<https://filmfreeway.com/JustAnotherMemory>

Password: JustAnotherMemory2018

In The Middle, 2019

<https://filmfreeway.com/InTheMiddle108>

Password: InTheMiddle2019

Samsarat Al-Nuhas's, 2029

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BeouI8LgT4nQChz6HFCj1wj2sgTUhLWX/view?usp=sharing>

No Words, 2020

<https://vimeo.com/436701894>