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STARVER

Written & Directed by: Parsa Zahedi

Short Film (Fiction)

Horror

7 minutes

2025

IRAN

THE UNFAMILIARS
FILMMAKING GROUP PRODUCTION

AN EMPTY STOMACH CAN CHANGE A MAN



Synopsis:

A man gives a piece of his food he just ordered to a poor man standing near his table. The poor man getting a taste of what he was craving for so long, slowly turns into something he wasn't Before.

Director:



Parsa Zahedi (born 1997) is an Iranian filmmaker and one of the few creators working in the horror genre in Iran. A distinctive Expressionist style has become the signature of his work over the years. he co-created the filmmaking group The Unfamiliars with Sobhan Babaei, which has produced more than ten independent short films. Starver is the group's first professionally made short film.

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Director's Statement:

Starver blends artistic horror with the real-life horrors we face. It's a story about hunger and the consequences it has on those who endure it for too long. As I watch my country grapple with its greatest economic crisis, which has affected me deeply, I felt compelled to tell a story that's first and foremost scary, entertaining, and fun, but also carries a message that is true to my heart.

CAST AND CREW:

Cast:
Sobhan Babaei
Poorya Saeedian

VFX and Color Correction:
Jamal GhiasBeygi

Cinematography:
Yazdan Shiri

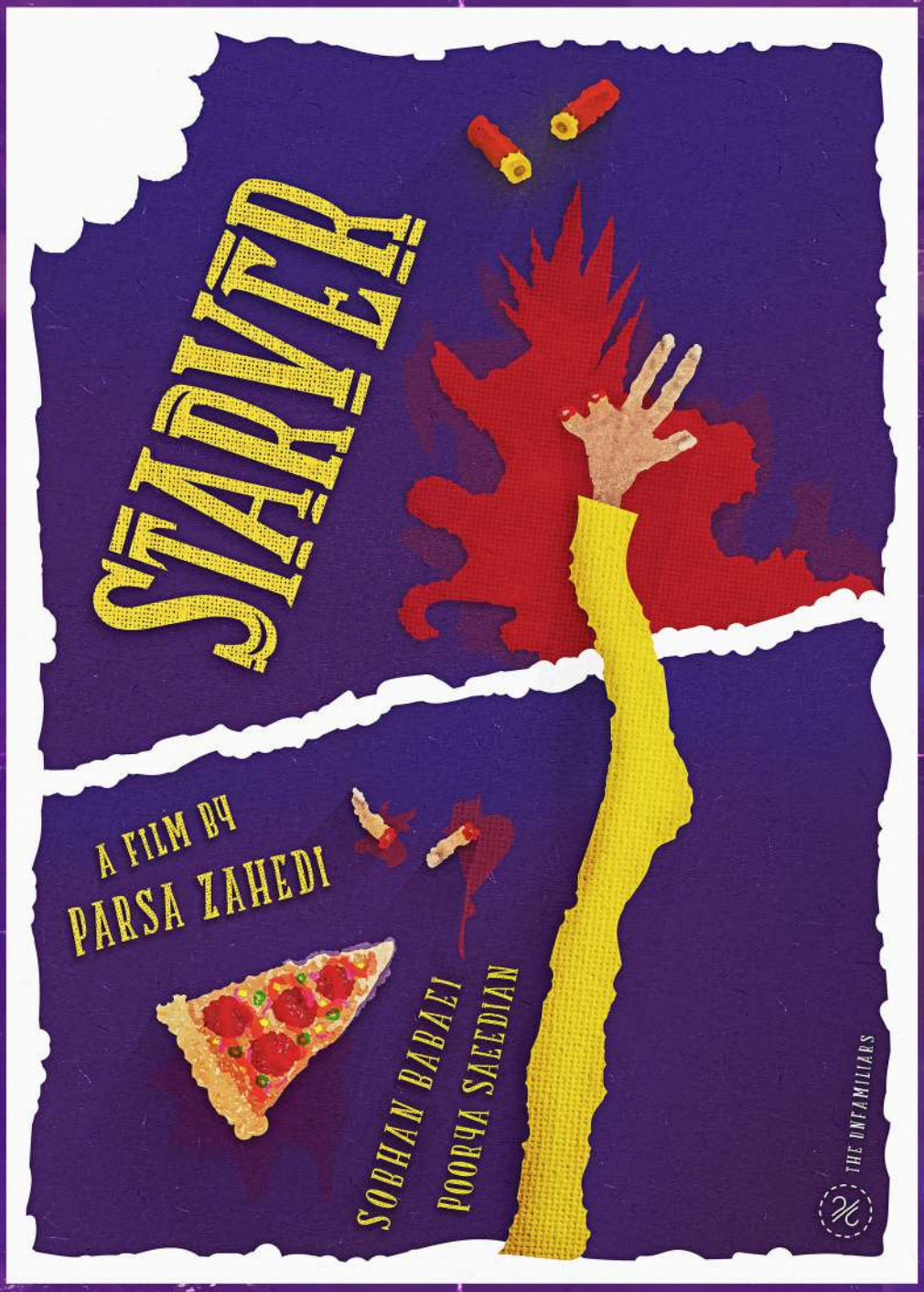
Foley and Sound Design:
Majid Shiri

Music:
Hamed Hosseini
(Whologram)

Make-up and Executive Producer:
Sobhan Babaei

Written, Directed, Produced and Edited by
Parsa Zahedi

Poster:



IMDb: www.imdb.com/title/tt35407295/

Trailer: Youtube.com/watch?v=mLd6bsVYbOs

Film Stills:











Behind the Scenes:









Festivals:

Best Short
SHOCK STOCK
2025

Best Director
SHOCK STOCK
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SPOOKY EMPIRE
HORROR FILM FESTIVAL
ORLANDO, FLORIDA
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EERIE HORROR FEST
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FILMQUEST
2025

CINE HORROR
MOSTRA DE CINEMA
OFFICIAL SELECTION
2025

KANAZAWA FILM FEST
CHOICE OF KANAZAWA
2025

SINISTRO
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CURTAS
FESTIVAL DO IMAXINARIO
VILAGARCÍA DE AROUSA
2025

BRAZIL 2025

2025
PHOENIX FEARCON
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TRASH
FILM FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL SELECTION
2025

BITE NIGHT
OFFICIAL SELECTION

2025
HORROR EN LAS MONTAÑAS
Official Selection

2025
CABIN IN THE WOODS
FILM FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL SELECTION

BMORE HORROR
FILM FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL SELECTION
2025

HYSTERIA FEST
HALLOWEEN
2025

Official selection
Albuquerque Film Festival
2025

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FINAL FRAME
HORROR SHORT FILM COMPETITION
2025

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HEX
AFTER DARK
FILM FESTIVAL
2025

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YEH! NAH!
HORROR FILM FESTIVAL



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Technical Information:

Shooting Format: Digital 4K

Camera: Sony Alpha7 Mark IV

Production Country: Iran

Ratio: 16:9

Screening Copy:
(Available copies)

-DCP 4K (without KDM)

-MOV video file (4K, 2K, FULL HD)

-MP4 video file (4K, 2K, FULL HD)

Language

No Dialogue

(all the texts are in english)

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