

IRAQ'S OFFICIAL ENTRY FOR BEST INTERNATIONAL FEATURE FILM AT THE 98TH ACADEMY AWARDS®

WINNER
SANTA FE INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Audience Award

WINNER
STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Best Debut Feature Film

WINNER
HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Golden Starfish Award
Narrative Feature

WINNER
HAMPTONS INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Special Jury
Performance Prize
Bateen Ahmed Kheyri

WINNER
ATHENS INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Audience Award

WINNER
PINGYAO INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Roberto Rossellini Award
Best Film

WINNER
CINEFEST - MISKOLC
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
CICA Jury Prize

WINNER
CINEFEST - MISKOLC
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
International Ecumenical
Award

WINNER
CINEFEST - MISKOLC
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
PIPRESKI Prize

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"FROM THE PASTORAL BEAUTY OF ITS OPENING SEQUENCE TO THE GUT PUNCH OF ITS LAST, HASAN HADI'S FILM IS AN EXCEPTIONAL SCREEN DEBUT, AS PERCEPTIVE AS IT IS KINETIC AND BRIMMING WITH LIFE. A STIRRING DRAMA LACED WITH HUMOR."

-Sheri Linden, *THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER*

"HASAN HADI'S WARM AND HEART-TUGGING TALE. AN ODYSSEY THAT MOSTLY PLAYS LIKE A GENIAL FAIRY TALE, WITH SUPERBLY BALANCED HUMOR AND DRAMA."

-Tomris Laffly, *VARIETY*

"ONE OF THIS YEAR'S MOST EXCITING DISCOVERIES!"

-Isaac Feldberg, *ROGER EBERT*

THE PRESIDENT'S CAKE



Avalon
Arthouse Cinema

MON | 27 APR | 7PM



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THE PRESIDENT'S CAKE

A rare film from Iraq, A humorous and touching film about a young girl's daring quest to bake a cake in the time of Saddam Hussein.

It's 1990 and Iraq, under the iron fist of Saddam Hussein, is suffering under sanctions. Extreme poverty is on the rise; there are shortages of medicine and food.

Despite the circumstances, it's still required that all Iraqis celebrate the president's birthday, or face the consequences.

An unlucky classroom draw finds nine-year-old Lamia given the unenviable task of baking the birthday cake for her class.

Accompanied by grandmother, Lamia departs her home in the marshes for the big city, to procure the ingredients for the dreaded cake – a task that takes on unexpectedly grave importance.

Beautifully shot and acted, and with a keen sense of time and place The President's Cake makes for an exhilarating adventure.

Monday, 27 April | 7pm

To book tickets call **(08) 8951 1122** or visit:

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