

We are very proud to congratulate **Abdallah Alkhatib**,
for winning the **Best First Feature Award** at the 76th Berlinale
for **CHRONICLES FROM THE SIEGE!**

Drawing on the director's own experiences and collective stories of besieged communities,
CHRONICLES FROM THE SIEGE is a deeply moving and urgent film that immerses the
viewer in the harrowing reality of living under siege.

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"A harrowing, poignant, sometimes darkly hilarious dispatch from the frontlines
of a violent blitz."

VARIETY
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"An intense tapestry of life, death and courage. But the Palestinian-Syrian director,
feted for the 2021 documentary *Little Palestine: Diary of a Siege*, also brings
mischief, mordant humour and formal invention into his first fiction feature."

SCREEN
INTERNATIONAL
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"A powerful film about imagination, humour and hope under impossible conditions,
made with energy, blackly comic wit and manifest, eloquent rage."

The Observer
(click for full review)

"A poignant, vignette-driven meditation on the endurance of Palestinian life under siege, elevated by haunting performances portraying a multiplicity of stories, and the tiny, quotidian moments of life in a conflict zone."



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"By turns tender without being sentimental, tense without resorting to sensationalism, *Chronicles From the Siege* offers a series of moments made all the more urgent because they speak to the here and now."



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"The film is told with raw nervous energy, with an intensity, harshness, and visceral force that are deeply moving."



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"Alkhatib, making his feature debut, delivers a powerful film, alternating heartbreaking scenes (the opening and closing segments) with almost light-hearted moments (the episode of the lovers), yet still bearing a powerful sense of imminent, probable catastrophe"



Cinema & Berlinale

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CHRONICLES FROM THE SIEGE

By Abdallah Alkhatib

With Saja Kilani (*The Voice of Hind Rajab*), Nadeem Rimawi, Samer Bisharat



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When their city is placed under siege, the lives of a group of ordinary people are turned upside down, forcing each of them to confront impossible choices in pursuit of survival in a war zone. Bodies and minds are equally under attack; and ordinary people are forced to reckon with starvation, inadequate medical treatment, snipers and bomb blasts, as they continue to live, seeking friendship, love, intimacy and the pleasure of a cigarette.

Production Companies : Issaad Film Productions, Evidence Film, 2 Princes Films

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