



Amjad AL RASHEED

DIRECTOR / WRITER

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BIOGRAPHY

Amjad Al Rasheed is an award-winning Jordanian director and writer born in 1985. He holds an MFA in Cinematic Arts with a focus on Directing and Editing. His debut feature film, **Inshallah A Boy**, premiered at the **2023 Cannes Film Festival (La Semaine de la Critique)**, making history as the **first Jordanian film ever selected at Cannes**. The film won the prestigious **Gan Foundation Award for Distribution** and has since been **officially selected by over 140 film festivals worldwide**, winning **around 40 international and Arab awards**. *Inshallah A Boy* has also secured **global distribution**, further solidifying Amjad's place as a leading filmmaker in the region.

In 2016, Amjad was named one of Screen International's **"Arab Stars of Tomorrow"**, recognizing his emerging talent in the industry. Prior to this, he was selected for the **Berlinale Talent Campus (2007)**, leading to the direction of multiple acclaimed short films and television productions. His short film **The Parrot (2016)**, starring Hend Sabry, received several international awards and was selected in **over 30 film festivals worldwide**.

Beyond directing, Amjad has extensive experience in film education and mentorship. He has conducted filmmaking workshops across the region, including mentorship at the **Sundance Co//ab for Syrian youth at Azraq Refugee Camp**. He was also a **jury member for the Directors' Debut Feature Film competition at Camerimage (2024)**, where he and his jury peers awarded the **Golden Frog for Best Director**.

Currently, Amjad is developing his second feature film, **Under Her Eye**, a social thriller delving into political and societal dynamics in Jordan.

DIRECTOR & WRITER – Fiction

FEATURE FILMS

2025 **Under Her Eye** - Feature film - Development
Written & Directed by Amjad Al Rasheed

2023 **Inshallah a boy** - Feature film
Written by Amjad Al Rasheed, Rula Naser, Delphine Augt
Produced by The Imaginarium Films - Jordan and Co-produced by Georges Films - France
With the support of Jordan Film Fund, Red Sea Fund, Doha Film Institute, and CNC
International sales: Pyramide International
MENA Distribution: MAD Solutions

Festivals:

World premiere Cannes Film Festival 2023 at La Semaine de la Critique.
Gan Foundation Award for Distribution at Cannes Film Festival 2023.

Official selections at TIFF, BFI London, Karlovy Vary, Sydney Film Festival, and many more

Awards & Recognitions:



GAN FOUNDATION AWARD
FOR DISTRIBUTION
62^e SEMAINE DE LA CRITIQUE
CANNES 2023

Golden Frog at Camerimage Winner of the Golden Frog in the Directors' Debuts Competition 2023, Asia Pacific Screen Awards Best Performance (2023), Rotterdam Arab Film Festival Jury Award (2023, Bengaluru International Film Festival Best Film in the Asian Film Competition (2024), Amman International Film Festival Audience Award (2024), and many more.

SELECTED SHORT FILMS

2016 **The Parrot** - Short film

From an original idea of Amjad Al Rasheed, co-directed with Darin J. Salam.
Staring Hind Sabri and Ashraf Barhoum.
Co-produced by Monkell and TaleBox, funded by the Film Prize of the Robert Bosch Stiftung,
Distributed by MAD Solutions

Selected in over 30 festivals worldwide including:

Jury Award at Malmö Arab Film Festival, Sweden - 2017
Jury Award for Best Short Film at the Twin Cities Arab Film, U.S.A - 2017
Official selection at Dubai International Film Festival, 2016 (World Premiere)
Official selection for Ismailia Film Festival
Middle East Now Film Festival in Florence, 2017
4th Olhares do Mediterrâneo - Cinema no Feminino, Portugal - 2017
Official Selection Oran Arab Film Festival, Algeria - 2017
Cairo Cinema Days - Zawya, Egypt - 2017
15th Mediterranean Short Film Festival Tangiers, Morocco - 2017
Official selection for Sharm El-Sheikh Arab & European Film Festival, Egypt - 2017
Official selection for Sudan Independent Film Festival, Sudan - 2017
Official selection Franco Arab Film Festival, Jordan - 2017
Days of Cinema Film Festival, Palestine - 2017
Boston Palestine Film Festival, USA - 2017
Palestinian Film Festival Australia - 2017
Black Box Cinema - Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2017 - 2017
4th Tripoli Film Festival, Lebanon - 2017
Short Film Corner of the 70th Cannes Film Festival - 2017
Karama Red Carpet Film Festival in Gaza - 2017
3rd Ciné-Palestine Film Festival in Paris – 2017
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2011 **Hit the Road** - Short Film

written by Ahmad Ameen
Produced by the King Abdullah II Centre for Excellence and The Royal Film Commission of Jordan.

2010 **Bitter Days** - Short Film

Produced by Mervat Aqsoy,
Written by Kasem Karsa

Selections and prizes:

Brass Aleph Award for Short Films at the Beirut International Film Festival (Lebanon - 2010)
Best Short Narrative Award at Zayed University Film Festival (Abu Dhabi - 2010)
Durban International Film Festival (South Africa - 2010)
Oran International Arab Film Festival (Algeria - 2011)

TV SERIES & OTHER WORKS

2019 **Bas Bayka** - TV Series

Comedy TV (Season 3)
Roy'a TV - 12 episodes

2013 **The Rania Show** – TV series

Comedy TV show starring and co-written by Rania El Kurdi.
Roy'a TV - 60 episodes x 5 minutes

WORKSHOPS & INDUSTRY PROGRAMS

- 2022 **Final Cut In Venice, Venice International Film Festival** - Italy (The best film in post-production winner)
- 2022 **Atlas Workshop, Marrakech International Film Festival** - Morocco (Grand Prix award for post-production winner)
- 2022 **Cairo Film Connection, Cairo International Film Festival** - Egypt (Winner of several prizes)
- 2020 **Torino Film Lab** - Italy
- 2019 **Red Sea Lodge, Red Sea Film Festival** - Saudi Arabia
- 2018 **Cairo Film Connection, Cairo International Film Festival** - Egypt (ART Prize Winner)
- 2018 **Thessaloniki Crossroad Co-Production Forum** - Greece
- 2017 **Med Film Factory** - Jordan
- 2017 **Malmö Arab Film Festival Development Fund** - Sweden

JURY & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2024 **Camerimage Film Festival** - Jury Member, Directors' Debut Feature Competition
- 2019 **Sundance Co//ab** - Directing Mentor
- 2018 - 2021 **King's Academy** (Jordan)
Filmmaking Co-curricular Teacher
- 2014 - 2016 **SAE - School of Audio Engineering** (Jordan)
Directing lecturer - Film Department
- 2015 **American University in Dubai** - Production Design Workshop
- 2009– Present **The Royal Film Commission** - Filmmaking Instructor for several filmmaking workshops

OTHER MEDIA PRODUCTIONS

- 2021 **Genomedia Studios (Dubai)** - Casting Director
- 2010 - 2021 **ART (Arab Radio and Television)** - Promotion Producer and Director
- 2015 - 2021 **Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan office - Human awareness media productions**
- Freelancer Director and Producer
- 2015 **Samsung - Mother's day Ad** - Director
- Jordan River Foundation - Corporate video celebrating their 20th anniversary** - Director and Producer
- 2014 **Samsung - Samsung Launching People Ad** - Director
- 2012 **Arba Sineen - Music Video, featuring Jordanian band Aker Zappeer** - Director
- 2010 **USAID - Corporate Videos in Jordan** - Director

EDUCATION & LANGUAGES

- **MFA in Cinematic Arts** (Directing & Editing)
- **Languages:** Arabic (Native), English (Fluent), French (Pre-Intermediate)
- **Golden Visa Holder** (Abu Dhabi, UAE)