

THE CIRCLE



FILM CARD

Duration: 82 Min (Color)

Language: Arabic, with English subtitles

Country: United Arab Emirates, Kuwait / 2009

Production Company: MBC Group, Beyond Dreams

Synopsis: Ibrahim, a poet and a journalist, discovers that he is dying soon from a fatal disease. He confronts his crook partner, Bader, and demands his share to make sure that his wife has a better life after he's gone. Shihab, a professional thief forced by his boss to do jobs for him in order to pay off a huge debt, plans to quit crime world to take care of his younger sister. They both meet accidentally just to begin seeing the world with different perspectives.

Cast: Abdulmohsin Al Nimer, Ali Al Jabri

Cinematography: Khaleefa Al Haddad

Editing: Abbas Yousefy

Original Music: Taha Alajmi

Produced by: Nawaf Al Janahi, Abdullah Boushahri

Written and Directed by: Nawaf Al Janahi

THEIR WORDS

"With it, doors begun to open on Emirati feature films" - Deborah Young (film critic, USA)

"A hit at the right direction" - Mohammed Rouda (film critic, Lebanon)

"An amazing turning point in Gulf cinema" - Khalid Rabeei (film critic, Saudi Arabia)

THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

- 1- The first feature film by Al Janahi.
- 2- The first narrative feature film production by MBC Group.
- 3- The first Emirati feature film to receive a grant from Emirates Foundation.
- 4- Al Janahi completed the first draft of the script in 2001, and then wrote another 17 drafts.
- 5- On the same year it was released, Al Janahi received the Most Promising Emirati Filmmaker Award at Dubai International Film Festival.

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FESTIVALS

Gulf Film Festival	2009 UAE
The International Arab Film Festival of Oran	2009 Algeria
Dubai International Film Festival	2009 UAE
Taormina Film Festival	2010 Italy
International Film Festival of Rabat	2010 Morocco
Arab Film Festival in Australia	2011 Australia