

SOMEWHERE IN TIME



— BASICS

Duration: 15 Minutes (color, no dialogue)

Country of Production: United Arab Emirates, 2020

Production Company: Nawaf Al Janahi Films

Synopsis: In a metropolitan city, an abandoned old man battles death with a beautiful memory that once was in the desert.

Cast: Yehia Abd Al Rasool, Mikaela Carrizo, Ahmed Saeed

Cinematography: Ricardo Prates

Editing: Ali Salloum

Original Music: Ibrahim Al Amiri

Written, Produced and Directed by: Nawaf Al Janahi

— DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

Loneliness is probably the most common struggle people face every day, especially in metropolitan cities. It doesn't discriminate against age, gender, or socioeconomic status. Every person deals with the impact of being lonely from a very personal and unique perspective. Cinema has been trying to explore this theme for decades, and we still need more films about the loners in our world.

— PRODUCTION NOTES

- "**Somewhere in Time**" is adapted from a short story titled "Allathy Yastahiq", by Egyptian author Mamdouh Rizk. The initial talks between Al Janahi and Rizk started in 2005.
- Following "**Mirrors of Silence**", Al Janahi tackles the theme of loneliness again in "**Somewhere in Time**".
- The crew of the film includes Portuguese cinematographer Ricardo Prates, Bahraini art director Noof Esbaie, and Lebanese editor Ali Salloum.
- After facing production and budget challenges while planning originally to shoot the film in the UAE and Egypt, Nawaf Al Janahi decided in 2019 to move the production to Bahrain. However, post-production was completely done in the UAE.

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FESTIVALS

- Chicago International Film Festival, 2020, USA (World Premiere)
- Ismailia International Film Festival, 2021, Egypt (Arab World Premiere)
- Salento International Film Festival, 2021, Italy (European Premiere)
- Canton International Short Film Festival, 2021, China
- Weyauwega International Film Festival, 2021, USA
- Dublin Arabic Film Festival, 2021, Ireland
- Rabat International Author Film Festival, 2022, Morocco
- Kalakari Film Festival, 2022, India
- CineMAS / The Alternative Film Festival, 2022, UAE
- Al Dakhiliyah International Film Festival, 2022, Oman
- Bahrain Film Festival, 2022, Bahrain
- New York World Film Festival, 2022, USA
- Bahamas International Film Festival, 2023, Bahamas
- Saudi Film Festival, 2023, KSA
- Imedghassen International Film Festival, 2023, Algeria
- International Festival for Independent Cinema, 2023, Morocco
- American International University Film Festival, 2023, Kuwait
- Link International Film Festival, 2023, United Kingdom

AWARDS

- Jury Award, Al Dakhiliyah International Film Festival, 2022, Oman
- Special Mention for Cinematographer, Bahrain Film Festival, 2022, Bahrain
- Golden Palm for Khaleeji Narrative Short Film, Saudi Film Festival, 2023, KSA