

**AFGHAN WOMEN BEHIND THE WHEEL**  
**dir. Sahraa Karimi**  
**documentary film, 56 min.**

**SYNOPSIS**

The desire for freedom is basic to human nature all over the world. To obtain a driving license is becoming a key factor towards personal freedom for Afghan women. However, is the Afghan society prepared for women behind the wheel?

Young talented director Sahraa Karimi, in her film Afghan Women Behind the Wheel, asks this and many other questions.

Born and raised in Kabul, years later, she follows several Afghan women trying to get a driving license. In her interviews, Sahraa discovers motivations, desires of these women, often determined by their age, social status and family backgrounds. She taps into their lives and dreams, discusses religion and family traditions with them, to get closer understanding of their journey towards their personal freedom.

The film is a fascinating portrait of society in which dreams contrast living reality on streets of Kabul where the present time meets the culture of 4000 years ago.