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Date and place of birth: 20th April 1981, Kabul /Afghanistan/

Education:

1987-1995 *Maktab Zeinab*(elementary school) – Kabul /Afghanistan/
1996-1999 High school, major mathematics, physics, Teheran /Iran/
1999-2001 *Shahid Chamran* University/Iran/, Polytechnic Faculty – major architecture
09/2004-present The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (VŠMU), Film and Television Faculty (FTF)
– major: documentary and fiction film

Courses:

1997-2000 course of camera - Institute of Arts – *Baqhe Ferdous* – Teheran /Iran/
1999-2000 script writing course – Institute of Arts – *Baqhe Ferdous* – Teheran /Iran/

Work experience:

1998-2001 *Arqavan* atelier – cameraman, Teheran /Iran/
1999-2001 lecturing in mathematics and physics, Teheran /Iran/
1999 *Daughter of the Sun* (Mariam Shahriar) - main role
Shooting in the dark (short film, directed by Najib Ahmadi) - Assistant Director
2000 *White Dream* (film, directed by Hamid Jebeli) - main role
The History of Sorrow (doc. on Afghanistan for TV Iran 1,10 episodes) – 1st Assistant Scriptwriter
2002 *Who is Sahraa?* (documentary, directed by Martin Hossein Fazeli) - main role

Filmography as a DIRECTOR:

2003 *At school with foreigners* (5 min., documentary)
Gabo (5 min., documentary)

2004 *Searching For a Dream* (26 min., documentary)

2005 *Light and Dark* (5 min., fiction film)
Behold Alone Woman at the Beginning of a Cold Season (11 min., documentary)

2006 *A simple question* – (26 min., documentary)
Borqe, My Prison (10 min. documentary)
One World (10 min. documentary)
Darovanému koňovi na zuby nepozerať (3 min.), *Kto druhému jamu kope, sám do spadne* (3 min.), *Čo oči nevidia, to srdce nebolí* (3 min.), *Čierna ovca* (6 min.) – short fiction films made on the topics of 4 Slovak sayings
Tabloid – Woman – Society (26 min. documentary)

2007 *Steal or Not to Steal* (10 min. fiction film)
The Hill of White Elephants (adaptation of Hemingway’s tale – 10 min. fiction film)
The Ballerina (photography in motion - 3 min. fiction)
Chris: Paulina (portrait of transvestite – 26 min. documentary)
Derniere (short fiction film)
Simona Between March 20 – 21 (short fiction film)

2008 *Look Back In Anger* (10 min. fiction film)
Raining.... (4 min., fiction film)

2009 *Light As The Breeze* (40 min., fiction film)

FEATURE FILMS:

2009 *Afghan Women Behind the Wheel* (feature documentary film, supported by Ministry of Culture of SR ,producer: ALEF JO Film Studio Ltd.)

Festivals

Searching For a Dream - director

2nd prize for Student Documentary - 22nd FEMINA FILM, Ústí nad Labem, Czech republic

Gold Mikeldi for Documentary Film - 47th Bilbao International Festival of Documentary and Short films „UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MEN THROUGH PICTURES“, Bilbao, Spain

Best documentary film & Best cinematography - International Film Festival of Kabul, 2008

2005 48th International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film, Leipzig, Germany
EAST SILVER DOCS MARKET at the Jihlava Int. Documentary Film Festival, Jihlava, Czech republic
MedFilm Festival, Roma, Italy
International Doc Film Festival ONE WORLD, Bratislava, Slovakia
Rencontres Internationales Paris/Berlin, Paris, France

Behold Alone Women at the Beginning of a Cold Season (11 min., documentary) – director

2006 Zlinsky Pes - nezávislá časť Medzinárodného filmového festivalu pre deti a mladých, Zlín, Česká republika
European Short Film Festival of Reus - FEC Reus, Spain
Celoštátna súťažná prehliadka fotografií, Múzeum SNP, Slovensko
AČKO, International Student Film Festival, Slovakia
East Silver 2006, Czech Republic
International Film Festival AFO – Olomouc, Česká republika
CINEAMA 2006, Slovensko
premietanie v slovenskej televízii

2008 Reencounters Internationals Paris/Berlin, Paris, France
International Leipzig Festival for Documentary and Animated Film, Leipzig, Germany

Derniere (short fiction film) - director

2007 Reencounters Internationals Paris/Berlin, Paris, France
ACKO, International Student Film Festival, Bratislava, Slovakia
Early Melos, International Student Film Festival, Bratislava, Slovakia

Simona Between March 20 – 21 (short fiction film) - director

2007 Reencounters Internationals Paris/Berlin, Paris, France
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2009 **One World (Prague, Czech Republic)**
Sole Luna Festival (Palermo, Italy)
- PRIZE FOR Best Direction
- PRIZE FOR Islam Section
Portello River Festival (Padova, Italy)
Monterrey International Film Festival (Monterrey, Mexico)
Cinefest International Festival of Young Filmmakers (Miskolc, Hungary)
International Youth Film-Festival «IT'S ME» (Yerevan, Armenia)
EKOFILM (Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic)
- AWARD FOR THE BEST DOCUMENTARY
One World (Bratislava, Slovakia)
- AWARD FOR THE BEST SLOVAK DOCUMENTARY
Dialektus Festival (Budapest, Hungary)
- THE AUDIENCE AWARD
MiradasDoc Festival (Canaria Islands, Spain)
- SPECIAL MENTION FOR THE JURY AWARD