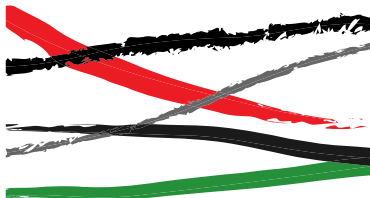


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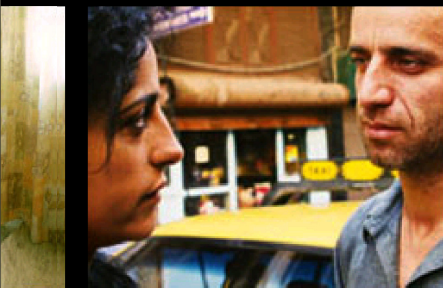
FILM FESTIVAL

Boston Premiere of the Film **Waiting**

Saturday, April 14th 11:00 AM

Brattle Theater, 40 Brattle Street Cambridge, MA

Presented by the Boston Palestine Film Festival



A FREE FILM SCREENING

Followed by a discussion by
Palestine Film Critic: Dr. Nadia Yaqub

Join us for a lively brunch at Café Algiers, next door to the Brattle, before the screening at 10 AM, to meet the festival organizers, Dr. Nadia Yaqub and others who love cinema. Brunch \$10 .

Waiting (Attente) - Directed by Rashid Masharawi
Palestine/France, 2005, 90 minutes. Arabic language film with English subtitles.

Film Synopsis:

Before leaving Palestine to settle abroad, director Ahmad accepts one last job. He must audition actors for the new National Palestinian Theatre. On the road with interviewer Bissan and her cameraman, "Lumière," Ahmad goes in search of talent in the numerous refugee camps of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Ahmad guides the auditioning actors into dramatizing what best embodies their destiny: waiting. Mashrawi's film is at times comic, at times tragic; in the camps the crew encounters idiosyncratic performers and characters but also a unifying theme of suspension, homelessness and yearning. Filmed in real camps with a full cast of Palestinian refugees, Rashid Masharawi's *Waiting* shows a human map of Palestine that is enduring and powerful.

Winner – Grand Prix (Licorne d'Or) – 25th Amiens International Film Festival, 2005
Best Film – Med-Film Festival, Italy, 2005

Speaker:

Nadia Yaqub (Ph.D., Near Eastern Studies, University of California at Berkeley) is assistant professor of Arabic language and culture at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the author of several books and articles on literature and film.

To guarantee a seat, either pick up a free pass at the Brattle theater starting April 6th, or join us for the Brunch at Café Algiers (10:00 AM) before the film.

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