C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

A H M A D S A L E H



Ahmad Saleh wurde 1980 in Al Kaubar (Saudi Arabien) als Sohn palästinensischer Eltern geboren. Für sein Ingenieursstudium geht er nach Palästina, die Heimat seiner Großeltern. Nach erfolgreichem Abschluss beginnt er dort Kurzgeschichten zu schreiben und sich für künstlerisches Arbeiten zu interessieren. 2007 nimmt er ein Studium Digitale Medien in Bremen auf, das er 2011 abschließt. Nach zweijähriger Arbeit als Art Director beginnt er im Wintersemester 2013/14 sein Postgraduiertenstudium an der KHM mit Schwerpunkt Animation, das er in diesem Jahr mit „Ayny" erfolgreich abschließt.

* Ahmad Saleh is a writer/director based in Germany. His first work was a stories collection titled Zowwada. This collection was awarded the A M Qattan's Young Writers Award in 2004 in Palestine. His first short film HOUSE, which he made in his Master's in Digital Media at the University of Arts Bremen in Germany, had a successful tour since it was released in 2012. The film earned several important awards in Europe, USA, Iran and Jordan. Recently, he finished another Master's study in film, in which he wrote and directed another two short films and started writing his first feature. His graduation project "Ayny" won a golden Oscar at the Student Academy Awards 2016 in the foreign animation category.

FILMOGRAPHY
2016 AYNY / MY SECOND EYE (11 mins., animation, graduation film, Kunsthochschule für Medien Köln/KHM Cologne)
2016 MAA BAA
2012 HOUSE

S Y N O P S I S

A Y N Y
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M Y S E C O N D E Y E

Ein grausamer Krieg hat zwei Brüdern die Heimat geraubt. Ihre Mutter beschützt sie und pflegt den Samen ihres neuen Lebens, voller Angst, ihren Söhnen könnte etwas zustoßen. Aber die Jungs folgen ihrem Traum, ein Musikinstrument zu spielen, in das sie sich verliebt haben. Eine wunderschöne Oud. Sie sammeln Schrott, um Geld dafür zu verdienen und müssen feststellen, dass die Angst ihrer Mutter nicht unbegründet war. Aber so wie starke Vögel immer fliegen werden, werden die Brüder eins um ihr Schicksal zu überwinden.

Two boys need to become one in order to fulfill their biggest dream.

* A cruel war has taken two brothers' home. Their mother protects them under her arms and fosters the seed of their new life. Anxious her sons could come in danger if they leave the house. But the boys chase their dream to play a music instrument they've fallen in love with. A beautiful Oud. They collect scrap metal to earn the money and must find out that their mother's fear was for a good reason. But as strong birds will always fly, the two boys become one to overcome their trauma.

C R E W, F E S T I V A L S & C O.

A Y N Y
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End of production: 06/ 2016
Short

Director	Ahmad Saleh
Screenplay	Ahmad Saleh
Producer	Stefan Gieren, Fiction 2.0 in coproduction with KHM Cologne
Country	Germany, Jordan, Palestine
Genre	Animation

Festivals

22.09.2016 * 43rd STUDENT ACADEMY AWARDS 2016 *(Official Selection, USA)*
GOLDEN OSCAR FOREIGN ANIMATION CATEGORY
07.12.2016 * 13th DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL *(Official Selection, Muhr Shorts Competition, Dubai)*
20.01.2017 * 29th FESTIVAL PREMIERS PLANS D'ANGERS *(Animated Films competition, Angers, France)*
21.01.2017 * JETZT ODER NIE - FILMTAGE FRIEDRICHSHAFEN 2017 *(Official Selection, Konstanz, Germany)*
26.01.2017 * 43rd INTERNATIONALES FILMWOCHENENDE WÜRZBURG *(Official Selection, Germany)*
01.02.2017 * 8th ANTARCTIC SHORT, DOCUMENTARY AND ANIMATION FILM FESTIVAL *(Official Selection, Finish Antarctic Research Station Aboa, Antarctica)*
03.02.2017 * 21 BERLIN & BEYOND FILM FESTIVAL *(Official Selection, San Francisco, USA)*
08.02.2017 * MATINÉE ALLEMANDE. COUP DE FOUDRE – LE COURT MÉTRAGE ALLEMAND *(Official Selection, Clermont-Ferrand, France)*
17.02.2017 * 17th FILUMS - INT'L FILM FESTIVAL (*Official Selection, Lahore, Pakistan)*
02.03.2017 * ANIMAC 2017 *(AGAINST THE WIND: WAR AND PEACE, Lleida, Spain)*
13.03.2017 * 13th AKBANK SHORT FILM FESTIVAL *(Int'l Competition, Istanbul, Turkey)*
29.03.2017 * BETHERE! 2017 CORFU ANIMATION FESTIVAL *(Official Selection, Student Film, Greece)*
08.04.2017 * FESTIVAL OF TOLERANCE - JFF ZAGREB *(Official Selection, Croatia)*
02.05.2017 * 24th STUTTGART FESTIVAL OF ANIMATED FILM 2017 *(Student Competition "Young Animation", Stuttgart, Germany)*
02.06.2017 * 3rd FESTIVAL CINÉ-PALESTINE *(Official Selection, Paris, France)*

2017 * LISTED IN THE CATALOGUE „GERMAN SHORT FILMS 2017"
(AG KURZFILM – GERMAN SHORT FILM ASSOCIATION)

Cast

Department	**Activity**	**Name**
Screenplay	Screenplay	Ahmad Saleh

Production	Producer	Stefan Gieren
Crew	Director	Ahmad Saleh
	Director of Photography	Lionel Poutiaire Somé
	Animation	Frank Pingel
	Character Design	Sabine Dully
	3D Animatics & Models	Claire Steka, Dominic Tiedeken
	Puppets	Ahmad Saleh, Diana Menestrey, Jessica Neubauer
Postproduction	Art Direction	Kerstin Gramberg
	Costume Design	Jessica Neubauer
	Sound	Kati Ostermann, Nici Lancaster, Carmen Oerwig
	Editor	David Black
	Sound Design	Judith Nordbrock, Gerald Schauder
	Music	Nizar Rohana

Shooting days	Animation: approx. 3 months
Location	Cologne (Germany), Amman (Jordan), Nablus (Palestine)
Running time	10.40 mins.
Shooting Format	2K
Screening Format	DCP, BluRay, DVD, .mov, mp4 (HD)
Sound	5.1.
Aspect Ratio	16:9
Colour or BW	Colour
Language / Subtitles	Arabic / English (German, French)

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