

Farah Nabulsi – The Present – Film Information/Press Kit

Film Title: The Present

Film Length: 24 mins 20 secs

Year Released: 2020

World Premiere: Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival (February 2020)

Sales Agent: Premium Films

Trailer Link for Download: <https://vimeo.com/406801286>

Logline/Synopsis: On his wedding anniversary, Yusef and his young daughter set out in the West Bank to buy his wife a gift. Between soldiers, segregated roads and checkpoints, how easy will it be to go shopping?

Awards (as of October 2020):

- Audience Award for Best Film at Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival 2020
- Jury Award for Best Live Action at Cleveland International Film Festival 2020
- Audience Award for Best Short Narrative at Brooklyn Film Festival 2020
- Special Jury Building the Bridges Award at Palm Springs International ShortFest 2020
- Audience Pick at Palm Springs International ShortFest 2020
- Audience Choice at Indy Shorts International Film Festival by Heartland Film 2020
- Grand Jury Award for Best Short Film at Cordillera International Film Festival 2020
- Outstanding International Narrative Short Jury Award - DC Shorts International Film Festival 2020
- Audience Award for Best Film at FICBUEU - BUEU International Short Film Festival 2020
- Audience Award for Best International Film at Short Shorts Film Festival and Asia 2020
- Jury Award Best Movie at SediCicorto International Film Festival 2020

Technical Sheet:

CREDITS -

Director: Farah Nabulsi

Writer: Farah Nabulsi & Hind Shoufani

Producer: Ossama Bawardi

Cast: Saleh Bakri and Maryam Kanj

DOP: Benoit Chamaillard

Editor: Hind Shoufani

Music: Adam Benobaid

Production Design: Nael Kanj

Production Companies: Philistine Films & Native Liberty Productions

TECHNICAL INFO-

Length: 24 mins 20 seconds

Aspect Ratio: CiemaScope, 2.39, 35mm

Color

Shot 3.2k

Digital, Ari Alexa Mini

Language: Arabic & English

Director's Bio:

Farah Nabulsi, is a Palestinian filmmaker and first-time director. She left the corporate world in 2016 to start working in the film industry as a writer & producer of short fiction films, exploring topics that matter to her. This includes *Today They Took My Son*, endorsed by renowned British Director Ken Loach, screened at the United Nations and officially selected to top international film festivals.

In 2019, she directed her first film, *The Present*, which she also co-wrote. The film stars renowned actor, Saleh Bakri. It premiered at Festival du Court Metrage de Clermont-Ferrand 2020 (Clermont-Ferrand International Short Film Festival) and won the Audience Award for Best Film. It had its North American premiere at the Cleveland International Film Festival, where it won the Jury Award for Best Live Action Short, qualifying it for the 2021 Oscars.