

# ARASH T. RIAHI

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Born 1972 in Iran, lives since 1982 in Vienna.

Writer, director & producer. Studied Film and Arts, has been working for the Austrian Broadcasting Corporation ORF on a freelance basis.

Founded the film production company Golden Girls Filmproduktion in 1997. Has written, directed and produced several award winning documentaries, shorts, experimental films, music videos and commercials. "The Souvenirs of Mr. X" in cooperation with ARTE and ORF was his first cinema documentary, followed by multi award winning Exile Family Movie (ARTE/ORF).

His first feature film "For a Moment Freedom" produced by Wegafilm and Les Films du Losange, has won 31 international awards and was the Austrian candidate for the Academy Awards 2010. The film had a cinematic release in Austria, Germany, Belgium, France, Canada, South Korea, Czech Republic, Norway, Luxembourg, Netherlands, etc.

Since 2010 work as a script advisor and coach for Sources 2, NIPKOW PROGRAMM, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation and different film institutes.

Teaches fictional and nonfictional storytelling and produces since 2011.

## AWARDS (Selection)

"For a Moment Freedom" (Ein Augenblick Freiheit)  
(developed at eQuinox France)

- Austrian candidate for the Academy Awards, 2010
- Best Foreign Film, Beverly Hills Film Festival, United States, 2010
- Jury Award Best Film & Audience Award Festival Nuovo Cinema, Genoa, 2010
- Silver Audience Award, Tromsø International Film Festival, Norway, 2010
- Audience Award, Films from the South Festival, Oslo, 2009
- Young Jurys Price, Festival Cine Junior Val de Marne, 2009
- Thomas Pluch Award Best Screenplay, Diagonale, Austria, 2009
- Beste Direction & Flying Ox for Best Film, Filmfest Schwerin, Germany 2009
- Award of the Saarland Ministry & Interfilm Award of the Max Ophüls Festivals, Saarland, 2009
- Canvas Award & Youth Jury Award Open Doek Film Festival, Belgium, 2009
- Special Jury Award & Special Audition Award. 10. Festival del Cinema Europeo Lecce, Italy, 2009
- Best Film & Public Award, 5. Amazonas Film Festival Manaus, Brasil, 2008

- Best Screenplay at the 2. San Luis Cine Film Festival, Argentina, 2008
- Grand Prix & Public Award & Students Award, Prix du Film D'histoire de Pessac, France, 2008
- Public Award & Student Award, Cinésonne Festival, Paris, 2008
- Vienna Film Award, Viennale, Austria, 2008
- Beste Direction, Festival de Jeunes Réalistes, Saint Jean de Luz, France, 2008
- Golden Eye for Best debut feature, Zurich Film Festival, 2008
- Golden Zenith-Best First Film, Montreal World Film Festival, 2008
- Honorable Mention Carl Mayer Screenplay Award, 2003

#### „Exile Family Movie“

- Max Ophüls Award for Best Documentary, Saarbrücken, 2007
- Interfilm Award of the Max Ophüls Festival, 2007
- Golden Dove, Best Documentary, 49. Leipzig Documentary & Animation Festival, 2006
- FIPRESCI-Award, Leipzig Documentary & Animation Festival, 2006
- Silver Hugo for Best Documentary, Chicago Film Festival, 2006
- Diagonale Award for Best Austrian Documentary, 2006

#### „MISSISSIPPI“

- Best Experimental Shortfilm, Melbourne Film Festival, 2006
- Most Surprising Film, Odense Film Festival, 2006
- Main Award, Experimental Film Festival Videoex, Switzerland, 2006
- Golden Dove for Best Animation film, Film Festival Leipzig, 2006
- Award for Best Script-Idee, Film Festival Fantoche, Switzerland, 2005
- Main Award Bochum Film Festival, 2006

#### Other awards:

- „DIE SOUVENIRS DES HERRN X“, Silver Plaque Award for Best Documentary, Chicago Film Festival, 2004
- „ALPHAVILLE VIDEOSTORE“, Silberne Venus for Best Austrian Commercial, 2002
- „DIE JUGENDLICHEN VOM KARDINAL NAGL PLATZ“, Award for Innovative Cinema, Diagonale 2001
- „U-BOOT MEANING OF LIFE“, Golden Venus for Best Austrian Commercial, 2001

## FILMOGRAPHY AND WORK LIST AS DIRECTOR (Selection)

### FEATURE FILM (Script & Directing)

- Oskar & Lilli, Preproduction Stage, 2014
- For a Moment Freedom, 110 min. ([www.foramomentfreedom.com](http://www.foramomentfreedom.com))  
Austria's candidate for the Foreign Academy Awards, 2008

## CINEMA-DOCUMENTARIES (Script, Directing, Editing, Producing)

- Everyday Rebellion - The Riahi Brothers, in Production, 2013  
[www.everydayrebellion.net](http://www.everydayrebellion.net)
- Everything Will Not Be Fine (Nerven Bruch Zusammen), 2000-2012, 94 min.  
[www.nervenbruchzusammen.com](http://www.nervenbruchzusammen.com)
- Exile Family Movie (Fete du familie Iraniene), 1994 - 2006, 94 min.  
[www.exilefamilymovie.com](http://www.exilefamilymovie.com)
- The Souvenirs of Mr. X (Die Souvenirs des Herrn X), 2004, 100 min.  
[www.MrX.com](http://www.MrX.com)
- Let the World End (Eclipsa-n-am ce Face), 1999, 90 min., Romania / Austria, Directed Together with Raphael Barth & Gerald Igor Hautzenberger

## SHORT FILMS (Script, Directing, Editing, Producing):

- That Has Been Bothering Me the Whole Time - Experimental, 2013, 10 min.
- A Simple Event (Ein einfaches Ereignis) Experimental, 2011
- Mississippi - Experimental, 2004
- Bits & Pieces - Experimental, 2002, 4,5 min.
- Reformel - Experimental, 2001
- Die Unmöglichkeit (The Impossibility), 2000
- Anti-Racism-Cinema Spots, 1999
- The Boy & the Strange Reality, (Der Junge und die seltsame Wirklichkeit), 1992, 8min.

## TV-DOCUMENTARIES (Script, Directing, Partly Producing):

- MOMENTUM-What Drives You, 2009 -2012, 23 Parts TV Documentary Series (Goldie, Talauega Brothers, Andreu Lacondeguy, Daron Rahlves, Mick Fanning, Sebastian Vettel)
- Impulse Camera & Dance, Documentary Series About the Shooting Stars of European Dance, Among Them Akram Khan, Davis Freeman, Salva Sanchis, Co Directed with Raphael Barth & Geza Horvat, 10x26 min.
- 52 Minutes of 48 Days - Dance Documentary, Meg Stuart & Damaged Goods, 52 min.
- Ars Electronica 99 / Life Science, Ars Electronica 98 / Info War, 45 min.
- Homeless Young People in Vienna, 1996, 25 min.
- Compulsory Deportation, 1996, 25 min.

## MUSIC VIDEOS (Directing, Producing):

- The Bates: Bitter End, Virgin Records
- 5 Haus Posse: Iss Mich, BMG
- Waldeck: Aquarius, BMG
- Sabotage Records: Machine Rock, Sabotage Communications