

# When Arabs Danced

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Freedom is a universal concept. But what if radicals in the name of Allah destroy that freedom? When Arabs Danced evokes the recent history of the Muslim world and the effects of the ideological turnaround on an international group of artists. Do they stubbornly continue their own art form, do they fight for their freedom of expression or does self-censorship seep into their work under the pressure of the outside world or their own community? Starting from a personal story, namely his shame at the belly dancing of his mother, filmmaker Jawad Rhalib searches for answers by following different artists during the creation of new work, from Belgian theatre-makers who struggle with Houllebecq's Submission to a group of young people from the contemporary Egyptian dance scene.

### CREDITS

**DIRECTOR:** Jawad Rhalib **PRODUCER:** Bart Maes WRITER: Jawad Rhalib **CAST:** Mona El Husseini, Morillo Lopez Carol, Mostafa Gamal Fawzi, Mourade Zeguendi, Polard Laurence, Randa Mirza, Rayess Bek, Sachli Golamalizad, Sara De Bosschere, Steven Van Watermeulen, Tchoumakova Anastasia, Zouzou Ben Chikha, Chems Doha Chair, Mohammed Anwar, Mehdi Haddab, Marijke Pinoy, Amani Atef, Assunto Pignato, Chokri Ben T+32 16 848 868 Chikha, Farah Bakkali, Hiam Abbass, Islam ElNebeshy, Johan Simons, Jordana Levy, Julien Perraudeau, Karima Mansour, Khawam Florence, La Diva Live, Mahmoud Zahgloul, Maigret Stephanie, Margot Bongart, Marieme Abouaycha EDITING: Stijn Deconinck PHOTOGRAPHY: François Schmitt

## **CREATION DETAILS**

**TYPE:** Film **PRODUCTION SHARE:** Minority Flemish co-production YEAR OF PRODUCTION: 2018 **PRODUCTION STATUS:** Completed ORIGINAL TITLE: Au temps où les arabes dansaient

### **TECHNICAL SPECS**

**RUNNING TIME: 84' SOUND FORMAT:** stereo (2.0) RELEASE FORMAT: DCP **COLOUR:** Colour

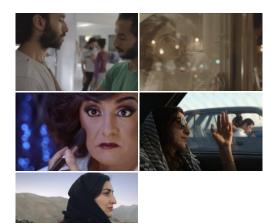
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