



WAJD – SONGS OF SEPARATION AND HEAVEN WITHOUT PEOPLE WERE THE WINNERS AT THE ARABIAN SIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL

Washington, DC, October 30, 2018– The 2018 *Arabian Sights* Audience Award was presented to **WAJD – SONGS OF SEPARATION** (Canada), directed by Amar Chebib. Pleased with the news, Mr. Chebib stated, "I am delighted and honoured to have Wajd - Songs of Separation receive the Audience Award at this year's *Arabian Sights Film Festival*. It was a great experience attending the very well-run festival and I look forward to submitting my future work for consideration."

The *Arabian Sights* Jury Award was awarded to **HEAVEN WITH OUT PEOPLE** (Lebanon), directed by Lucien Bourjeily. In a statement on the win, Mr. Bourjeily noted he is "Honored that Heaven Without People received the Jury Prize of Filmfest DC's *Arabians Sights* festival. It is heartwarming to have encountered engaged and insightful reactions from audiences when it was screened in DC and the jury award came as a major encouragement to me and the whole team to persevere in this path and come back very soon to DC with yet another feature film hopefully."

The 23rd Annual *Arabian Sights Film Festival* wrapped up on October 28 with a full crowd for the Closing film **INDUCED LABOR** (Egypt). The festival concluded with a Closing Night Reception.

The *Arabian Sights Film Festival* enjoyed a huge success this year with a total attendance of 2,000.

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