

BIOGRAPHY

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DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER NAWZAD SHEKHANY



COLOGNE – GERMANY

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Nawzad Shekhany is an internationally renowned German Director, Cinematographer, and Screenwriter, Iraqi origin. He is an awards winners like "Jean Luc Godard Award", Golden Fox Award, Alexandria Film Festival Award, and Hollywood IMPFF Award.

One of his major works with international recognition was "The Black Massacre", a documentary about the genocide against the Yazidis. This research-intensive work was even entered as an important contemporary document in the communications register of the International Criminal Court, The Hague. Shekhany has also made a name for himself with numerous film and art projects. An outstanding example is the "Shingal Symphony", which he developed, directed and co-produced.

Recently he produced and directed the feature film "Toren", which won 46 Awards in international film festivals, and was nominated for the Academy Awards "Oscars" 2020 in the name of the Republic of Iraq. Shekhany was also honored in Baghdad with the Iraqi Cinema Shield.

Shekhany chaired several juries also as a member to nominate best winning films in many international film festivals. He also conveyed his professional experience as a lecturer for workshops and masterclasses in film directing and creativity in making feature films at international film festivals, and in universities. In view of the distinction made by the director Nawzad Shekhany through his works, he was honored in many international festivals, and by various institutions, cultural, and artistic centers.

Shekhany is distinguished for his ideas, and he is the owner of important initiatives. He recently founded the "Morocco Line Cinema" in Casablanca, Morocco, and collaborated with other German filmmakers to establish the "CineArts" Production Company in Germany, based in Cologne.

Director Nawzad Shekhany worked in joint coordination with some German institutions, and with some production companies and artistic personalities, in order to accomplish film projects about the current reality between the diaspora and the homeland, and about the phenomenon of multiculturalism and civilizations, and humanitarian crises. Shekhany launched the project of interest in young talents, where he succeeded, in cooperation with the Ehrenfeld Cultural and Social Center in the city of Cologne, to establish a group of young people for acting and film industry and to launch a training program to develop their talents.

In Belgium, his efforts resulted in the signing of a joint cooperation agreement between the CineArts Production in Germany, the Morocco Line Cinema in Morocco, and the Mosaic Company and Group for Artistic Production and Distribution in Belgium.

AWARDS

Hollywood International Moving Pictures Film Festival

- Best foreign Feature
- Best Cinematography

European Cinematography Awards

- Best Director
- Best Editing

Golden Movie Awards

- Best Trailer

Calcutta International Cult Film Festival

- Best Film on Religion
- Outstanding Achievement (Director)
- Outstanding Achievement (Feature Film)

South Film and Arts Academy Festival

- Best Drama
- Best Editing
- Best Production Design
- Best sound Design

Cult Critic Movie Awards

- Best Feature Film
- Best Director
- Best Film on Religion
- Best Editing
- Best Producer
- Best Music Video (Film Soundtrack)
- Best Trailer

Oniros Film Awards

- Honorable Mention

Eurasia International Film Festival

- Best Director

Cult Critic Movie Awards

- Jean Luc Godard Award

New Delhi Film Festival

- Top 3rd Feature Film

Global Music Awards

- Bronze Medal (Movie Soundtrack)

- New York City International Films Infest Festival
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

- San José International Film Awards
Best Feature Film

- IndieFEST Film Awards
Award of Merit

- DaVinci Film Festival
(Winner) Film has been selected as a finalist

- London Film Awards
Winner – Official Finalist

- Calcutta International Cult Film Festival
Golden Fox Award 2019

- Olympus Film Festival
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

- Austria Independent Film festival
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

- Berlin Flash Film Festival
Best Feature

- Filmmakers World Festival
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

- Calcutta International Cult Film Festival
Best Feature Award

- Canada International Film Festival
Best Filmmaker

- Around International Film Festival - ARFF Amsterdam
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

- European Cinematography Awards
(Winner) Film has been selected as a finalist

- London International Motion Picture Awards
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

- International Festival of Arab Film
Grand Prize

- Be Epic! London International Film Festival
(Winner) Film has been selected as a Semi- Finalist

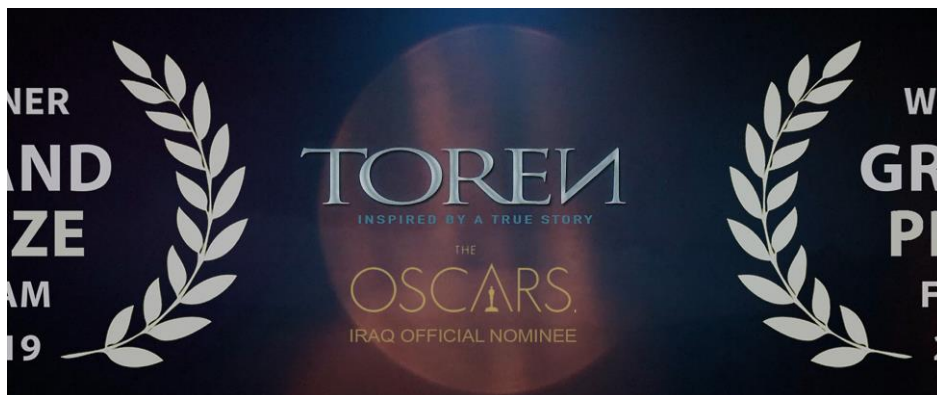
- Brazil International Film Festival
Best Feature Film Award

- Alexandria International Film Festival
Best Director

- Mediterranean Film and Immigration Festival
Audience Award

- Golden Movie Awards
(Winner) Film has been selected as a finalist

- Santiago Independent Film Awards
Best Narrative Feature



HONORS

- Sousses International Film Festival/ Festival Shield
- University of Ibn Zuhr
- The Supreme Council of Lalish Cultural and Social/ Body Shield
- Iraqi Minister of Culture, Department of Cinema and Theater/ Iraqi Film Shield.
- Prime Minister, Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq
- Minister of Culture and Youth, Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq
- Directorate of Duhok Cinema
- Tiznit International Film Festival
- Al Waha International Film Festival
- Tetawin International Film Festival/ White Dove Shield
- Khouribga International Film Festival
- Chefchaouen International Film Festival
- International Caravan Festival
- Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Morocco
- Lalish Cultural and Social Center
- Supreme Yazidi Spiritual Council
- Shekhan Directorate General of Yazidi Affairs
- Shariya Folk Art Ensemble
- Shekhan Cultural and artistic center
- Ain Safni Charitable Society
- Shekhan district Ruler
- International Film and Sea Festival
- German Moroccan Amana Association
- Tetawin International Film Festival/ Golden Festival Shield
- Mediterranean Festival of Film and Migration
- The Iraqi Embassy, Germany
- Nouakchott Film Festival, Mauritania

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