

Highly-Acclaimed Lebanese Actress Stars In New Historical Period Film

Oscar-nominated Lebanese director and actress Nadine Labaki will be starring in the upcoming film "1982".

December last year was a momentous occasion, marking the first time a film directed by an Arab woman received an official Oscars nod, and the second film from Lebanon to ever be nominated. "Capernaum" by actress and director Labaki received a nomination in the category of "Best Foreign Language Film".

The Arabic movie impressed more juries and also bagged a nomination for the Golden Globes' Best Picture - Foreign Language segment. The actress continued to make history as [she won the Jury Prize](#) for Capernaum this year at the Cannes Film Festival where the film premiered. She was given a 15-minute standing ovation in recognition of her achievement as the first female Arab filmmaker to receive the prize.

Fast forward to the present day and 1982 is the new highly-anticipated film starring the coveted actress. Based in Lebanon, the film follows the journey of an 11-year-old boy, named Wissam, who attempts to profess his love to his classmate Joanna, but gets caught up in airstrikes that hit Beirut at the beginning of the Israeli invasion of the country. The school has to shut down and the students are sent home, but Wissam becomes more determined to declare his love as it becomes clear that no one knows what tomorrow will bring. Labaki plays the character of a distressed schoolteacher Yasmineen, caught amidst the 1982 Siege of Beirut.

In a directorial debut by Oualid Mouanness, the Lebanese film is derived from the real-life experiences of Mouanness during his school days in the same country. The autobiographical film is filmed solely in one location - a private school, situated in the mountains in Lebanon, over the course of one day.

The film is scheduled to be shown at this year's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), 5-15th September.

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