

Lunch Time (Short Film, 2017)

Lunch Time is a film written and directed by Alireza Ghasemi, co-produced by The Globe Community of Silent Filmmakers (The GlobeCSF) and Ghasemi himself.

Aforementioned is Alireza Ghasemi's third approach to short films which has been filmed through the fall of 2017 and settled at the end of it.

By announcing the participants of 70th Cannes Short Film section, the name of Lunch Time as both participant and nominee caught the eyes.

After participating in Cannes, Lunch Time went through numerous festivals such as Palm Springs International Festival of Short Films (ShortFest), Guanajuato International Film Festival (GIFF), HollyShorts, The Urbanworld Film Festival. After participating in five Academy Award-Qualifying Festivals, Lunch Time honourably would be introduced to The Student Academy Awards.

Cast (Actors/Actresses):

Khorshid Cheraghipour

Roya Bakhtiari

Siavash Cheraghipour

Peyman Naeimi

Mohammad Amini

Afsaneh Heydari

Aghdas Shahmoradi

Amir Taghdiri

Plot Summary:

A 16 year old girl has come to the hospital to identify the body of her mother. The people in charge at the hospital - due to her young age - won't let her into the morgue and ask to bring her elder family members but the girl insist on seeing the body herself.

Production:

Lunch Time got its pre-production on August 2017 and after taking 3 months, went on to be filmed at three different locations in Karaj (Ghaem Hospital, Alborz Hospital, and some of the near streets around them), behind Mohammad Haddadi's camera.

Film Reviews:

Since being displayed on some private circles, it has drawn many critics and writers attention to itself.

Khashayar Rahimi (Writer and Director) has said on a subject named "Nightmares About Lunch Time":

"The director, beside making a right beginning and ending point for this nightmarish situation, has designed a way to show its main character different layers and purpose. The script is good, and the acting by Khorshid Cheraghipour is marvellous which both have helped the movie to reach its gain."

Arian Vazir-Daftari (Writer, Director and member of The GlobeCSF) by writing a subject under the name of "Requiem for the Little Hands" went on welcoming the film at Cannes Festival:

"Lunch Time is a well-formed short film which stays loyally attached to its contracts between audience and itself. Narrating an incision of time, with its well-ordered elements, reaching to an immense and appealing dramatic point. Also its classic tune is an example of contemporary cinema which seems to be a mixture of familiar European narrative components (The situation of the girl reminds us of the girl in Dardenne Brothers' "La Fille Inconnue") with the classic concealing directing style."

Neil McGlen (Consultant of Karlovy Vary Film Festival, Criterion Collection researcher and also consultant of Nordick Film Festival) wrote a subject on the screening days of Lunch Time at Cannes on his Facebook around the movie and described Ghasemi's Lunch Time as "An enormous and touching", benefiting Khorshid Cheraghipour's excellent acting.

Awards, nominations and honours:

- Nominee for "Short Film Palme d'Or", Cannes Film Festival, 2017
- Winner of "Best Foreign Language Film Award", Pachuca Film Festival, 2017
- Winner of "Best Short Film Award", Interrobang Festival, 2017

- Winner of "Best Short Film Award", The Snake Alley Festival of Film, 2017
- Winner of "Jury Award for Best Narrative Short", Nonplussed Fest, 2017
- Winner of "Best Screenplay Award", "Best Dialogue Award", and "Best Title Award", FRAPA, 2017
- Winner of "Best Cinematography Award", Flamingo Film Festival, 2017
- Winner of "Best Screenplay Award", LifeArt Media Festival, 2017
- Winner of "Academy's Best Picture Award", "Best Narrative Film Award", "Best Actress Award", Nahal Student Short Film Festival, 2017
- Participating in Academy-Award Qualifying Festivals: **Cannes, Palm Springs ShortFest, GIFF, HollyShorts** and **The Urbanworld Film Festival**, 2017
- Being introduced to Student Academy Award, 2018

Participating in:

- Defy Film Festival
- Real Time International Film Festival
- Blue Whiskey Independent Film Festival
- Drunken Film Fest
- XpoNorth
- Benicia Film Festival
- Kraljevski filmski festival
- Razavi FilmFest