



Dutch-Syrian production *9 Days – From My Window in Aleppo* best European Short Film 2016

At the prestigious European Film Awards on 10 December in Wroclaw (PL), *9 Days – From My Window in Aleppo (2015)* is awarded with the Short Movie Award. The film, directed by the Syrian photographer Issa Touma and the Dutch film makers Thomas Vroege and Floor van der Meulen, shows the first nine days of the Syrian conflict from Toumas perspective. A year after its launch, *9 Days* has received four international awards, has been shown at more than 60 film festivals worldwide.

The European Film Awards, presented jointly by the European Film Academy and EFA Productions, honour the greatest achievements in European cinema. The awards are presented in the 22 categories. The short film initiative is organised by the European Film Academy and EFA Productions in co-operation with a series of film festivals throughout Europe. At each of these festivals, an independent jury presents one of the European short films in competition with a nomination in the short film category of the European Film Awards. *9 Days – From My Window in Aleppo* was nominated by Encounters Short Film and Animation Festival Bristol (UK). The members of the European Film Academy voted for the overall winner.

9 Days - From My Window in Aleppo was launched at the Dutch online platform De Correspondent in July 2015. A special festival version was screened at more than 60 international film festivals – in Spain, Germany, Finland, Egypt, Turkey and Argentina among others.

About *9 Days – From My Window in Aleppo*

9 Days gives an unprecedented glimpse into the first nine days of the Syrian conflict in Aleppo. On the morning of August 19 2012, Syrian photographer Issa Touma noticed young men from the Free Syrian Army lugging sandbags into his street and building a barricade under the window of his apartment. The civil war had reached the streets of Aleppo. The following days, Touma stayed inside with his camera, filming the situation down the street from his apartment window.

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More info about the project: [LINK](#)

Trailer *9 Days – From My Window in Aleppo*: [LINK](#)

Ceremony European Film Festival 2016 (Award *9 Days* from 36'05"): [LINK](#)

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Credits

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