

Festival of Acclaimed Persian Movies for a Better Understanding of Iranian Women

(In recognition of Iranian Women Struggle for Justice, Equality, and Freedom during past 3 decades)

Organized by:

[MIT Persian Cultural Group](#)

Free Admission!

SUNDAYs

(Apr. 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 10, 17, 2009)

5pm sharp!

MIT Room 4-237 (Building 4, 2nd floor)

All movies are in Persian with English subtitles!

"Dayereh" (The Circle)

Sunday, **April 12, 2009**

Director/Year:

Jafar Panahi/2000

Subject:

A detailed and realistic portrayal of the life of women who are abandoned by the society. It shows the underlying reasons for their misfortunes and commonalities of social challenges with ordinary people.

Trailer:

<http://videodetective.com/titledetails.aspx?PublishedID=451608>

Review:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Circle_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Circle_(film))

"Zendan Zanan" (Women's Prison)

Sunday, **April 19, 2009**

Director/Year:

Manijeh Hekmat/2002

Subject:

The movie depicts some aspects of Iran prisons and the life of women prisoners which spans for 17 years but the story goes beyond that to cover many other social issues facing Iranian women.

Review:

<http://www.variety.com/review/VE1117918888.html>

"Vakonesh Panjom" (Fifth Reaction)

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Director/Year:

Tahmineh Milani/2003

Subject:

Everyday concerns of urban women, their entrapment in the loop of unfair laws and cultural restrictions and their efforts for progress.

Trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeoAgRXI46U>

Review:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0386843>

"Do Zan" (Two Women)

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Director/Year:

Tahmineh Milani/1999

Subject:

A clear depiction of how some traditions prevent women from realizing their full potential while their common civil rights are violated without any governmental concerns.

Trailer:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wm1T2nGL5XM>

Review:

http://www.amazon.com/Two-Women-Atila-Pesiani/dp/B00006IUHG/ref=pd_rhf_shvl_1

"Roozi Ke Zan Shodam" (The Day I became a Women)

Sunday, May 10, 2009

Director/Year:

Marziyeh Meshkini/1999

Subject:

The natural desire of women as a human being for becoming inquisitive, determined, and independent.

Trailer:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVZSdynHa_Q

Review:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Day_I_Became_a_Woman

“TBD”

(A Tentative time slot for a Concluding Movie and/or Talk)

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Please send your suggestions, questions and comments to:

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For detailed and updated information about this event, please visit:

<http://shirin.mit.edu/blog/?p=971>

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<http://shirin-center.org/download/iranianWomenMovieFestivalApr12May17MIT2009.pdf>

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