

## Luxembourg has selected *TEL AVIV ON FIRE* as its official submission to the 92nd Academy Awards for the Best International Feature Film category



Luxembourg's national Oscar® Commission\* has chosen *TEL AVIV ON FIRE* by Sameh Zoabi (produced by [Samsa Film](#) in co-production with TS Productions, Lama Films, and Artémis Productions) to represent Luxembourg in the race for the 92nd Oscars® in the Best International Feature Film category.

More than 70% of this Luxembourg majority co-production was shot in the Grand-Duchy, mostly in the Filmland studios in Kehlen with a large number of local talent and main crew, including André Dziezuk (score), Christina Schaffer (production designer), Magdalena Labuz (costume designer), Jasmine Schmit (makeup artist), Pia Dumont (sound editor), Laurence Rexter-Baker (1st assistant director), Patricia Peribañez (stage photographer), Tiago Hof (stage manager), Eric Nicolas Smit (special effects), Marie Janezic (decorating assistant), Manu Demoulling (props) and Ulrika Debatisse (exterior director), Solveig Harper (production manager) and many more.

The film premiered internationally last year at the 75th Venice International Film Festival in the Orizzonti section, where Kais Nashif won the Best Actor award. Since then the film has travelled to many festivals and won prizes all over the world.

Producers are Bernard Michaux for Samsa Film (Luxembourg), Miléna Poylo and Gilles Sacuto for TS Productions (France), Amir Harel for Lama Films (Israel) and Patrick Quinet for Artémis Productions (Belgium)

**Plot:** Salam, an inexperienced young Palestinian man, becomes a writer on a popular soap opera after a chance meeting with an Israeli soldier. His creative career is on the rise - until the soldier and the show's financial backers disagree about how the show should end, and Salam is caught in the middle.

[Discover the trailer](#)

### **Main Credits:**

Main cast : Kais Nashif, Lubna Azabal, Yaiv Bilton  
 Associate producers: Alice Bloch, Ayelet Kait, Jani Thiltges, Claude Waringo  
 Co-producers: Arlette Zylberberg, Philippe Logie  
 Director of photography: Laurent Brunet, AFC  
 Editor: Catherine Schwartz  
 Music: André Dziezuk  
 Sound engineer: Alain Sironval  
 Sound editor: Pia Dumont  
 Dialogue editor: Mourad Louanchi  
 Re-recording Sound Mixer: David Gillain  
 Production designer: Christina Schaffer  
 Costume designer: Magdalena Labuz  
 1st Assistant director: Laurence Rexter-Baker  
 Production manager: Solveig Harper

### **Financial support:**

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### **Sales and Distribution:**

Samsa Distributions - Luxembourg theatrical release date 3rd April 2019  
 Cohen Media Group - US distribution - theatrical release 2nd August 2019  
 Indie Sales - World Sales (sold in over 18 countries (including the US, Canada, Germany, Austria, Italy, Scandinavia, Spain, Switzerland, Poland, China, Japan, etc.)

### **Major Festival selections:**

Venice IFF - Orizzonti  
 Toronto IFF - Discovery  
 Tallinn Black Nights IFF  
 IFF Rotterdam - Competition Voices

### **Main Awards:**

Venice IFF, Best Actor - Kais Nashif (Venice Horizons Award) & Best Film (Interfilm Award)  
 Haifa IFF - Best Screenplay  
 Asia Pacific Screen Awards - Best Screenplay  
 Minneapolis St Paul IFF - Audience Choice Award  
 Sarasota IFF - Best Film, World Cinema  
 Seattle IFF - Best Film (Golden Space Needle Award)

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