

Elaha

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“ ELAHA is a young woman who spends each day fighting for some autonomy on the battleground of the patriarchy. The unconditional love for her family gives her strength and at the same time makes her vulnerable. What remains is a relentless urge for self-determination. ”



Synopsis

Elaha is a young Kurdish-German woman torn between the unconditional love for her family and her own aspirations in life. Although she cares most about having a good time with her girlfriends and taking care of her younger brother, she has to fight patriarchy while being the perfect daughter. Ultimately, she has to make a decision: To tell the truth or live a life in grand delusion. A psychological journey about emancipation that reveals that only by facing reality, we can be true to ourselves.

Credits

Director: Milena Aboyan / **Genre:** Drama / **Tags:** Emancipation, Family, Traditions, Patriarchy, Empowerment / **Original title:** Elaha / **English title:** Elaha / **Country of production:** Germany / **Year of production:** 2023 / **Length:** 110 / **Color:** Color / **Shooting format:** 4K / **Screening format:** DCP 2K / **Original language:** German, Kurdish / **Subtitles:** English / **Cast:** Bayan Layla, Derya Durmaz, Nazmi Kirik, Armin Wahedi, Derya Dilber, Cansu Dogan (Leyan), Beritan Balci, Slavko Popadić, Hadnet Tesfai, Homa Faghiri, Rebér Ibrahims / **Scriptwriter:** Milena Aboyan, Constantin Hatz / **Director of photography:** Christopher Behrmann / **Production designer:** Nora Balmer, Christina Mammes / **Editor:** Elias Engelhardt / **Sound design:** Perschya Chehrazi / **Sound mixing:** Perschya Chehrazi / **Music:** Kilian Oser / **Producers:** Matthias Greving, Igor Dovgal, Executive Producer: Kirsten Lukaczik, Creative Producers: Emina Smajić, Janina Sara Hennemann / **Production company:** Kinescope Film GmbH in cooperation with Filmakademie Baden-Württemberg in coproduction with Essence Film SWR/Arte / **Supported by:** MFG Medien- und Filmgesellschaft Baden-Württemberg mbH, Nordmedia – Film- und Mediengesellschaft Niedersachsen/Bremen mbH

Festivals / Awards

Berlinale - Perspektive Deutsches Kino - **World Premiere**; Lichter Film Fest Frankfurt, Germany - **Audience Award**; Internationalen Studierendenfilmfestival Sehsüchte, Germany; Crossing Europe, Austria - **Special Mention in Section „YAAAS!“**; Sprouts Film Festival, The Netherlands ; Internationales Filmfest Emden-Norderney, Germany - **Norderneyer Engel 2023, NDR Film Prize for Young Talent, DGB-Filmpreis**; Sydney Film Festival, Australia; Youth Film Festival Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Giffoni Film Festival, Italy; MICGénero, Mexico; World Cinema Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Fünf Seen Film Festival, Germany - **Perspektive Junges Kino**; Elbe Dock, Czech Republic; Bucharest Feminist Film Festival, Romania; Calgary International Film Festival, Canada; First Steps Award, Germany - **Götz George Young Talent Award**; Riga International Film Festival, Latvia; Cinecitta International Film Festival Tilburg, Netherlands; Cine por mujeres, Spain; Jakarta Film Week, Indonesia; Kurdisches Filmfestival Berlin, Germany; Unabhängiges Filmfest Osnabrück, Germany ; Berlin Filmfest Frauenwelten, Germany; Kinofest Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Singapore; Prix Europa Awards, Germany - **Best Feature Film**; Augenblick, France; Televisionale Baden-Baden - **MFG-Star for Best Young Director**; Duhok International Film Festival, Iraq; Sottodiciotto Film Festival, Italy - **Special Mention (Bayan Layla)**; Les Arcs Film Festival, France; Pune International Film Festival, India; Festival International du Film Politique, France; Angers Premiers Plans Film Festival, France - **Scania Diversity Award**; Filmfestival des deutschen Films, Switzerland; The Bavarian Film Awards - **Best Young Actress**; Glasgow Film Festival, UK; International Film Festival Mons, Belgium; International Film Festival of Ottawa, Canada; Festival del Cinema tedesco Roma, Italy; Filmfestival MOOOV, Belgium; Minneapolis St Paul International Film Festival, USA

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