

Semret

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“ An intimate portrait of a refugee woman and her daughter, touching upon personal trauma in a deeply emotional way. ”



Synopsis

Semret lives a modest and quite isolated life in Zurich with her teenage daughter Joe. She works at a hospital and is applying to a midwife training program. When Joe starts to ask about her own roots from Eritrea, Semret can no longer repress her past and has to confront her traumas. With the help of Yemane, a new hospital employee that is also an Eritrean refugee, she is finally able to face the tragic memories of her escape.

Credits

Director: Caterina Mona / **Genre:** Drama - Identity, Family, Mother-Daughter Relationship, Eritrean community, Friendship, Trauma / **Original title:** Semret / **Country of production:** Switzerland / **Year of production:** 2022 / **Length:** 85 min / **Color:** Color / **Shooting format:** HD 2,3K / **Screening format:** DCP / **Original language:** Tigrinya, Swiss German / **Subtitles:** English, Italian, German, French / **Cast:** Lula Mebrahtu, Tedros Teddy Teclebrhan, Hermela Tekleab, Fanuel Mengstab, Manuela Biedermann, Jocelyn Papp, Mona Petri / **Scriptwriter:** Caterina Mona / **Director of photography:** Gabriel Sandru / **Production designer:** Su Erdt / **Editor:** Noemi Preiswerk / **Sound design:** Patrick Becker / **Sound mixing:** Dominik Avenwedde / **Music:** Marcel Vaid / **Producers:** Michela Pini and Pascal Trächslin / **Production company:** Cinédokké and Cineworx Filmproduktion Basel / **Supported by:** RSI Radiotelevisione svizzera, Federal Office of Culture (Switzerland), Zürcher Filmstiftung, Swisslos-Fonds Basel-Stadt, Swisslos-Fonds Basel-Landschaft, Repubblica e Cantone Ticino, Fondo FilmPlus della Svizzera Italiana, Succès Passage Antenne & more.

Festivals / Awards

Locarno FF - **World Premiere;** Cinema Attraverso i Grandi Festival, Italy; Le vie del Cinema, Italy; Terraviva FF, Italy; London Migration FF, UK; Solidarity Human Rights FF, Israel; International Film Festival of Kerala, India; Chennai IFF, India; Filmfestival Max Ophüls Preis, Germany ; Santa Barbara IFF, USA; Aswan International Women Film Festival, Egypt - **Special Mention, Best Actor for Tedros Teclebrhan;** Sprouts Film Festival, Netherlands ; Internationales Filmfest Emden-Norderney, Germany; Montreal International Black Film Festival, Canada - **Best Narrative Feature;** ARTE Kino Festival; Fajr International Film Festival, Iran; Toronto Black Film Festival, Canada; Festival of African Cinema of Verona, Italy

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