

KURDISH CINEMA

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26 - 27 - 28 FEB

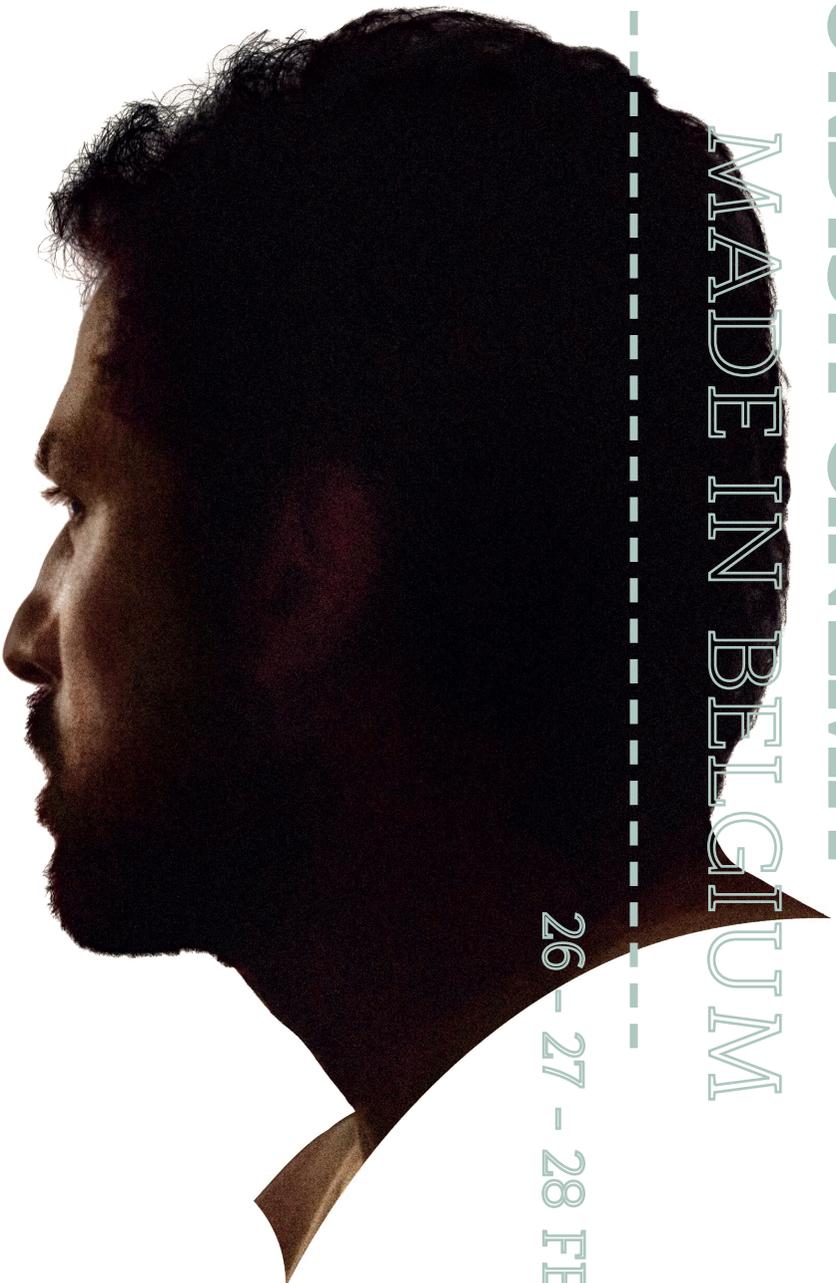


Image: 'Zagros'



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Image: 'Blue Silence'

Film critic Lieven Trio called them 'the great upcoming talents of Flemish film', and for good reason: Belgian Kurds Sahim Omar Kalifa and Bülent Öztürk sparked widespread admiration in 2017 with their feature film debuts. Sahim's 'Zagros' won the Grand Prix at the Ghent Film Festival and Bülent's 'Blue Silence' won several awards at the Istanbul Film Festival. The Royal Institute for Theatre, Cinema and Sound (RITCS) and the Kurdish Institute of Brussels are paying tribute to these remarkable filmmakers and the equally extraordinary film tradition that precedes them.

Kurdistan (divided between Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran) is a region with a rich diversity of peoples and traditions with a cultural heritage that dates back thousands of years. Due to a long and painful history of oppression and denial, however, many communities in this region have only recently begun to rediscover and develop their heritage and culture. In the Kurdish communities in the Middle East and in the diaspora, a rich film culture is emerging. Kurdish cinema arose at the beginning of the twentieth century and peaked with directors such as Yilmaz Güney, who won the Palme d'Or in 1982 at the Cannes Film Festival for the film Yol. Especially the past few years, Kurdish film culture has grown and developed further. These films have an important emancipatory role, because they give a non-Kurdish audience an insight into the complexities of Kurdish identity and society.

From 26 until 28 February 2018, Belgian-Kurdish cinema will be celebrated in the RITCS. Besides Sahim and Bülent, we will also cast the spotlight on the work of the Belgian-Kurdish filmmaker Berivan Binevsa, whose short films have won several awards and who is currently working on her own feature debut. On **Monday 26 February**, we will show the **short films** of the three filmmakers, followed by a **panel discussion**. On **Tuesday 27 February**, 'Zagros' will be shown in the presence of Sahim and on **Wednesday 28 February** 'Blue Silence' in the presence of Bülent. Join us at this unique event, and discover the enchanting beauty of Belgian-Kurdish cinema!

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Films in original version + English subtitles

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