



# OF FATHERS AND SONS

by Talal Derki



## SYNOPSIS

Talal Derki's new documentary tells the story the young generation in Syria and asks about the future of children, who grew up in the war.

If you want to tame your nightmares, you need to capture them first. That's what Syrian documentary filmmaker Talal Derki learned from his father. As in his previous film *RETURN TO HOMS*, he returns to his homeland and becomes part of life in a war zone. For more than two years he lives with the family of Abu Osama, an Al-Nusra fighter in a small village in northern Syria, focusing his camera mainly on the children. From a young age, the boys are trained to follow in their father's footsteps and become soldiers of God. The horrors of war and the intimacy of family life are never far from one another. At the nearby battle-front Abu Osama fights against the enemy, while at home he cuddles with the boys and dreams of the caliphate. Talal Derki sets out to capture the moment when the children have to let go of their youth and are finally turned...

## FESTIVALS

nominated for German Film Award LOLA 2019

& Anne Fabini the editor of the documentary is one of the nominees Best Editing

nominated for Academy Award @ 2019 Feature Documentary Grand Jury Prize, World Cinema Documentary Competition @ Sundance 2018

THE GOLDEN HORN for the director of the best film @ Krakow FF 2018

FIPRESCI award @ Krakow FF 2018

Special Jury Mention @ Valletta FF 2018

The Best Doc film @ BIAFF 2018

Silver Star @ El Gouna FF 2018

Best Arab Documentary @ El Gouna FF 2018

Open Borders Fellowship Award presented by Netflix @ Sundance 2018

Germany, Qatar, Libanon, Syria  
2017

98 min

### FORMAL CATEGORIES

Coming of Age, Current Affairs, Conflicts, War/Peace, Politics, Social issues

### ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Arabic

### PREMIERE

Germany (2017)

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