



THE HEART FROM JENIN

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SYNOPSIS

The Heart from Jenin is the story of Ahmed Chatib, a Palestinian boy shot by Israelis whose father decided, within twelve hours, to donate his son's organs to six Israeli children so as to save their lives.

One and a half years have passed since then. What has Ismail al-Chatib, of the Jenin refugee camp, achieved with his peace gesture? To find out how Ismail's deed changed the life of the recipients' families, it is necessary to travel throughout Israel, from its northern hills on the Lebanese border, past the contended Holy City of Jerusalem, up to the edge of the Negev Desert in the south of the land.

The film is a trip through occupied territory and hearts occupied by prejudice. It leads us to the people who have learnt to overcome their prejudices and to others who still speak of the misfortune of having to live with the organ of an Arab. It is the story of a humanitarian peace gesture that seemed, for a short instant, to prevail over the insoluble conflict between Israel...

FESTIVALS

2010 Deutscher Filmpreis LOLA 2010

2009 Valladolid International Film Festival "Time of History" 1st Preis

2009 International Filmfestival Leipzig DEFA Preis Beste Dokumentation

2008 Dubai International Filmfestival Peoples Choice Award

2009 Cinema for Peace Award Most Valuable Documentary of the Year

2009 Movies that Matters Amnesty International Audience Award

2008 Jerusalem Film Festival

2008 61st Locarno International Film Festival

2008 Toronto International Film Festival

2008 Hamptons International Film Festival

2008 51st DOK Film Festival Leipzig

Germany, Israel 2008

89 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

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