



THE PAGEANT

by Eytan İpeker



SYNOPSIS

Every year since 2011, a unique beauty contest takes place in Haifa. The contestants are female survivors of the Holocaust. In order to become "Miss Holocaust Survivor", they train with an ex-beauty queen who teach them how to catwalk on the red carpet. At the climatic moment of the night, the survivors have to impress a jury with their life stories and their traumatic memories. This surreal event is sponsored by a right-wing Evangelical organization. Focusing on the story of Sophie Leibowitz who participates to honor her recently deceased sister, "The Pageant" explores how memory, politics and spectacle are interconnected.

FESTIVALS

2020

Visions du Réel, Nyon - Compétition Internationale Longs Métrages

Sarajevo Film Festival - Documentary Competition

Jerusalem International Film Festival

Odessa International Film Festival - European Documentary Competition

Istanbul Film Festival - National Documentary Competition

Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival - National Documentary Competition

Human Rights Film Festival Lugano

Muestra de Cine de Lanzarote

İstanbul Modern Sinema

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Eytan İpeker · PRODUCER Yoel Meranda (yoelmeranda) (Kamara - Turkey), Carine Chichkowsky (Survivance - France), Eitan Mansuri (Spiro Films - Israel), Jonathan Doweck (Spiro Films - Israel), Kristina Konrad (weltfilm gmbh) · DOP Itay Marom · SOUND DESIGN Emmanuel

Turkey, France, Israel, Germany
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83 min

FORMAL CATEGORIES

Gender, History, War/Peace

ORIGINAL LANGUAGES

Hebrew, English, Russian

PREMIERE

Nyon, Switzerland (2020)

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Eytan Ipeker on THE PAGEANT

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