

Original title: CAFE
International title: CAFE

CAST

- * Ramin Sayardashti
- * Setareh Maleki
- * Mahsa Mahjoor
- * Mehdi Sajadifar
- * Massod Esmaeeli
And
- * Masood Keramati

CREW

Written and Directed by : Navid Mihandoust
Director of Photography : Farhad Soleimani
Original Music : Fardin Khalatbari
Editing : Parisa Parvin-Nia
Sound Designers : Amirhosein Golmohamadi & Mojataba Asadi
Sound Recordist : Amir Nakhjavan
Production Designer : Navid Mihandoust
Costume Designer : Navid Mihandoust
Make-Up Artist : Farnaz Mortazavi

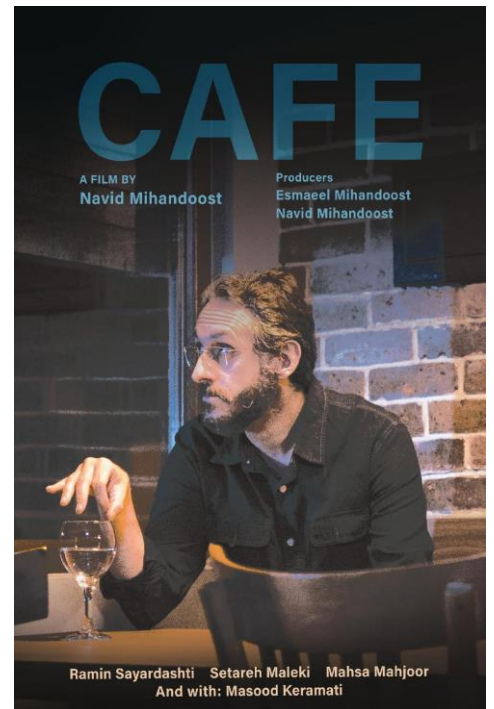
Production Manager : Sepedih Sepehri
Line Producer : Esmaeel Mihandoust

Producers : Navid Mihandoust & Esmaeel Mihandoust
Production Company : Noran Film Aria

Shooting format : Digital
Camera : Red Dragon
Lenses : CP2

Screening format : DCP
Sound : Dolby Digital 5.1
Ratio : 16:9
Original version : Persian
Subtitled in : English
Running Time : 98 min
Year : 2023

Fiction – Colour – 98 min – 2023 - Iran



Log Line:

Synopsis:

Sohrab Sepehri is a filmmaker who was sentenced to five years in prison for the films he made. He, who is running a cafe due to the work ban, is faced with the proposal of cooperation from the Intelligence Service so that in exchange for doing so, the execution of his sentence will be postponed. In the meantime, adventures happen that involve him with new challenges.

Director's statement:

I am currently in Evin Prison in Tehran, the capital of Iran. The government that rules over my country has sentenced me in 3-years prison with unjust charges stem from a documentary I crafted in 2009, centered around Masih Alinejad's (an Iranian journalist and women's rights activist) professional life – a documentary that was never released. I made the film, Café, without obtaining permission from the authorities of the Islamic Republic, because I believe that cinema and art have their own world, a world beyond the temporary permits of the leaders. The story of Cafe is similar to what happened to me during the years that I was free on bail. I made this film without any funds or grants from any organization only with the dream of portraying the injustices that happen in my country.



Biography:

Navid Mihandoust, born on June 28, 1972 in Noshahr, Iran, is an independent Iranian filmmaker. He started his profession in 1999 and has more than 20 years of experience in cinema and television, working as a movie director, director's assistant, and screenwriter in several TV series and films.

Filmography:

Feature Films:

2023: **CAFE** | Fiction, Digital, 96 min, Colour, Iran.

2010: **Whatever God Wants** | Fiction Comedy, 88 min, colour, Iran

Documentary Films:

2015: **Crown of Thorns** | Documentary, Digital ,75 min, Colour, Iran

2003: **What Lies Beneath** | Documentary, Digital, 42 min, Colour, Iran

Short Film

2023: **Don't Remove the Soil** | Drama, Digital, 14 min, Colour, Iran

FESTIVALS 2023

*- 64th Thessaloniki International Film Festival, Greece. November **02 - 12, 2023**

'Open Horizons' section <https://www.filmfestival.gr/en/>

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