

Synopsis:

DREAMS' GATE is an observational documentary where Iranian female director Negin Ahmadi starts a personal journey into the combat zone of North Syria to question what it means to be a woman. Alone with her camera, she decides to look for an answer for her questions by encountering the women who embody the strongest contemporary myth of female strength and freedom: Kurdish female fighters. The personal search and internal struggles turn into an intimate women diary written in the first person. Following, sharing, witnessing the life of this other Kurdish women put into question the image that the director has of herself and of the cost of equality and freedom in this difficult region.

Director: Negin Ahmadi
Producer: Elaheh Nobakht
Screenplay: Negin Ahmadi, Farzaneh Fathi
Cinematography: Negin Ahmadi
Edit: Loghman Sokhanvar
Music: Hossein Mirzaghali
Sound: Behnia Yousefi
Production Manager : Taim Hussein
Production:
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Coproduction:

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A Feature documentary

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Director's Note:

I come from a patriarchal society, and after my divorce, I found myself in a complicated situation and looking for a meaning in life. This is how I started being interested in the lives of the Kurdish women in Syria. I wanted to see how these girls could stand out for themselves while they are like me living in a patriarchal society. How important and vital can their goals be that they have preferred to fight rather than stay at home and act in the roles that society gave them? How could they step over the limited borders that had been defined for women? All these questions gave me the motivation to leave Iran and delve into the lives of those Kurdish women who have a few years ago started a revolution. Those women believe that by supporting each other, they can create a unit that will step up for the rights of all women in the world. I asked them, if there was a war in another country, would you go? "Yes! Because we want to liberate women from all patriarchal ideologies and countries. We are fighting for all women."



Director's Biography:

Born in 1989 in Iran, Negin Ahmadi is a Kurdish Iranian filmmaker. Ahmadi studied Economics, and finished her Associate's degree in the university of Imam Khomeini in Qazvin. She is currently a student in Iranian Youth Cinema Society. As a director, she has supervised some documentary series and directed a short documentary named "A FEW DAYS OF SHIRIN" in 2016. Dreams' Gate will be her first feature documentary.



Producer's Biography:

Elaheh Nobakht is one of the pioneer women in Iranian Cinema. She has produced six feature films and two short films such as "The Apple Day", "Silent House", "Beloved", "Destiny" and etc. Her films have been selected in Berlin International Film Festival IDFA, Hot docs for several times, and more than sixty International Film Festivals -She has received the PRODUCERS NETWORK PRIZE FOR PROMISING YOUNG PRODUCERS awarded by Cannes Marché du Film in the industry of Tallin Black nights film festival 2022. She is the CEO of the International Production and Distribution Film Company, ELI Image. She was also the Jury member of more than seven International film festivals such as Intl FIFOG Geneva Switzerland, Mena Intl Film Festival - Netherland, Religion Today Intl Film Festival- Italy. She was the distributor of "Finding Farideh", Iranian official entry in Oscar 2020.