RAW in WAR at the Human Rights Watch Film Festival 2011

Opening Night: Incendies + Reception at the Curzon Soho, London

Thursday 24 March 18.20

The Human Rights Watch Film Festival returns to London from 24 March - 1 April with a programme packed full of documentaries and dramas set to inspire, inform and trigger debate. This year, in association with Human Rights Watch, and International Alert, RAW in WAR is proud to present the opening night film – the UK premiere of Denis Villeneuve’s Academy Award-nominated Incendies.

Masterfully adapted from the acclaimed play by Wajdi Mouawad, Incendies brings to life a moving and epic tale through the unravelling of one woman’s mysterious past. At the reading of their mother Nawal’s will, twins Simon and Jeanne learn for the first time that they have a brother and that their father, whom they thought was dead, is in fact alive. Their mother’s last wishes send Jeanne and Simon on an expedition in search of their tangled roots. Shifting back and forth in time, Incendies follows two parallel journeys - the twins’, and Nawal’s own life-changing search to find her son during a time of civil war and sectarian conflict. Through the juxtaposition of these two quests, Villeneuve crafts a powerful story of deep-rooted hatred, never-ending wars and enduring love.

As part of the opening night celebrations, the screening of Incendies is followed by a discussion with the Beirut Director of Human Rights Watch plus a special guest, and audience members are invited to a reception.

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