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PRESS RELEASE

The **Toronto Arab Film Festival (TAF)** is pleased to announce the winners of this year's awards. The Festival took place virtually May 27 to May 30. This year, three awards were presented after the Festival - the Jury Award for Most Promising Filmmaker, the Award for Best Canadian Short Film and the Audience Choice Award.

The recipients are:

- **Award for Most Promising Filmmaker:** Suzannah Mirghani, *Al-Sit*
- **Best Canadian Short Film:** Ines Guennaoui, *Storm Child*
- **Audience Choice Award:** Suzannah Mirghani, *Al-Sit*

About Toronto Arab Film

Toronto Arab Film (TAF) is a non-for profit organization dedicated to bringing films from, and about the Arab world, to Toronto audiences. TAF began because of a need to fill a void that exists in film programming in Toronto, specifically a lack of films from the Arab regions, and a desire to diversify the visual representation of the Arab peoples in the arts. Through our first initiative, *Layali El Cinema*, we programme year-round film screenings in Toronto. Through **Mahrajan**, our annual festival, we showcase Arab films from around the world. We also recognize the need to encourage interconnectedness between Arab filmmakers in Toronto and foster filmmakers, which we endeavour to do through the **Shabaka** initiative, where we support emerging talents through hosting networking events and filmmaking workshops throughout the year.

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