



"images of what was and what could have been." *Meg Johnstone, Journalist*



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## **Surreal** a glance at a land that no longer exists

feature documentary (93min/Canada/2006)

**honoured with being part of the CIDA Sponsored  
Beyond Borders Film Series  
at the  
Calgary International Film Festival**

**Saturday, September 30 @ 9:15 pm - Glenbow Theatre**

"At first glance, it seems almost normal. But look further, the villages are nearly empty,  
the flags are ripped, the produce rotting.

This is the Gaza Strip, one month before the destruction of the Israeli villages.  
The 20 settlements are almost silent as they form the unlikely backdrop and the  
focus of a Canadian road trip.

Both former Israelis, two old friends decide to take a farewell journey.  
What can they find there?

Filmmaker Erez T-Yanuv's Barzilay's panoramic digital footage contrasts with Dror Marcus' still  
photographs, just as the disbelief of the villagers still left juxtaposes with the smiles of innocent  
Palestinian children.

Music by Canadian Ben Euerby sets the score for what is truly a strange journey.

***Surreal: A Glance at a Land That No Longer Exists offers us a look past the news clips, the soldiers, and  
the concrete barricades, with a glance at lost possibilities and living hopes.***

***The Gaza settlements are gone - this time and place exists only on film and in memories."***

*Jill Fournier, Calgary International Film Festival*

a full press kit can be found on the **Surreal** website:

**<http://shailahproductions.com/Surreal>**

**Surreal** is independent director **Erez T Yanuv Barzilay's** second festival circulated feature documentary.  
In late 2004 Erez released his thought provoking ***A Cry for Madiom - ongoing Genocide in the Sudan.***  
**Madiom** has been officially selected to some 25 international film festivals and won 5 international awards  
including **Best International Documentary** at Tuskegee International Film Festival  
and the **Humanitarian Award** at Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival.