

Festival Cinemas and Doculink Presents A Benefit Screening of: “Surreal – a glance at a land that no longer exists”



On September 14th 2006 at 7pm, Festival Cinemas and Doculink are proud to present a benefit screening for director Erez Yanuv Barzilay, showcasing his latest production, *Surreal – a glance at a land that no longer exists* at Fifth Avenue Cinemas, Vancouver, BC.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit local documentarian Erez Yanuv Barzilay, who recently had his entire computer system and work files stolen from a storage locker in Deep Cove, with percentage of donations going towards organizations supporting the rebuilding efforts in Southern Lebanon and Northern Israel.

In June of this year, North Vancouver award winning filmmaker Erez T Yanuv Barzilay suffered the loss of five years worth of independent and documentary film projects. This occurred while launching *Surreal* in Europe and the MidEast. It was while *Surreal* premiered simultaneously during the World Peace Forum in Vancouver and in Greece that he learnt about his irrecoverable loss. Shortly after, traveling with his family he became stranded in Israel as war escalated with Lebanon.

Festival Cinemas and Doculink invite you to this fundraising event, marking the first anniversary to the Gaza Pullout, with a screening of “*Surreal – a glance at a land that no longer exists*” followed by Q&A with producer-director Erez Yanuv Barzilay and *Surreal*'s composer Ben Euerby. Admission is free and donations are welcomed.

Surreal is a personal, dramatic and emotional journey of two former Israeli friends -- one lives in Canada, the other in Cambodia -- through 20 of the Israeli villages dotting the Gaza Strip one month prior to their inevitable destruction.

With hundreds of close up digital images (taken by Dror Marcus), the wide screen panoramic digital video footage (taken by Erez Yanuv Barzilay) combined with the stunning original score (composed by Ben Euerby), *Surreal* takes a lyrical journey into the madness through the lenses of the two former Israelis.

Surreal Electronic Press Kits available upon request and on:
www.ShaiLahProductions.com/Surreal

About Festival Cinemas:

Festival Cinemas is committed to showing films that are out of the mainstream, independent productions revealing qualities of the human spirit. For more information:
www.festivalcinemas.ca

About Doculink:

Doculink is a community for documentary filmmakers who share information, leads, ideas and a commitment to support each other's growth as nonfiction filmmakers. For more information:
www.doculink.org

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Shai Lah Productions  Presents

Surreal

a glance at a land that no longer exists



feature documentary (93') by erez t yanuv barzilay



“Surreal gave me a look at a piece of the world we hear so much about at a moment in time that will never be repeated.”

*Danny Singer
West Vancouver, BC, Canada*

“Brilliant work.”

*Dor Givon
Tel Aviv, Israel*

“Still blowing the sand out of my eyes. I'm struck. The music is hypnotic – so forlorn and appropriate.”

*Tom Shandel, Documentary Filmmaker
(the innovator behind The Corporation)
Cowichan Bay, BC, Canada*

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