



OTTAWA PREMIERE OF AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

"ON THE BRIDE'S SIDE"

A Journey Across Europe with Syrian Refugees

Film Screening and Discussion

January 28th, 2016 @ 6:45PM

ByTowne Cinema - 325 Rideau Street, Ottawa

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January 14, 2016, Ottawa - One World Arts and the One World Film Festival will present the Ottawa premiere of the award-winning documentary ON THE BRIDE'S SIDE at a one-night-only screening on **January 28th, 2016 at 6:45PM** at the ByTowne Cinema.

The documentary follows the challenging journey of a group of refugees as they attempt to reach Sweden after fleeing the war in Syria and surviving a perilous passage to Europe. Aided by an Italian journalist, a Palestinian poet and their friends, the group uses the cover of a fake wedding party to cross European borders and avoid detection by immigration authorities. ON THE BRIDE'S SIDE shares the heart-wrenching and heart-warming stories of these refugees, their hopes, fears, laughter and tears.

Following the screening, Dr. Rouba Al-Fattal, Professor of Middle East and Arab Politics at the University of Ottawa, will join One World Arts for a discussion on the war in Syria and responding to the refugee crisis. Dr. Al-Fattal is a Founder & CEO of Impact Policy, a global policy consultancy providing analysis, advocacy and cross-cultural training, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Ottawa, championing its Syrian Refugee Initiative.

Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased in advance via the One World Arts website at: oneworldfilmfestival.ca/onthebridesside/

Media are invited to attend free of charge. Please RSVP to media@oneworldarts.ca

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The One World Film Festival is Ottawa's longest-running annual documentary film festival focused on raising awareness on a diverse range of global issues. The festival presents thought-provoking documentaries, panel discussions with experts, Q&As with filmmakers, and an information fair, connecting audiences with opportunities to learn more about and take action on issues of local and global concern.

One World Arts is a volunteer-based, Canadian charitable organization that has been raising awareness and fostering public engagement on global issues since 1972.

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