

حب بري

a film by Jumana Manna
- Press Kit -

MAIN

Title: Wild Relatives

Country of Production: Lebanon, Norway, Germany

Date of Completion: 2018

Format / Ratio: DCP, HD video / 16 : 9

Duration / Color: 69 min

Languages: Arabic, Norwegian, English

Subtitles: English

Category: Documentary, Feature

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FILM SYNOPSIS:

Deep in the earth beneath Arctic permafrost, seeds from all over the world are stored in the Svalbard Global Seed Vault to provide a backup should disaster strike. *WILD RELATIVES* starts from an event that has sparked media interest worldwide: in 2012 an international agricultural research center was forced to relocate from Aleppo to Lebanon due to the Syrian Revolution turned war, and began a laborious process of planting their seed collection from the Svalbard back-ups. Following the path of this transaction of seeds between the Arctic and Lebanon, a series of encounters unfold a matrix of human and non-human lives between these two distant spots of the earth. It captures the articulation between this large-scale international initiative and its local implementation in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon, carried out primarily by young migrant women. The meditative pace patiently teases out tensions between state and individual, industrial and organic approaches to seed saving, climate change and biodiversity, witnessed through the journey of these seeds.

LOGLINE:

Following a transportation of seeds between the Arctic and Lebanon, *WILD RELATIVES* unfolds a matrix of people and plant lives between two distant spots of the earth.

CREW

Written, Directed and Produced by:	Jumana Manna
Director of Photography:	Marte Vold
Editor:	Katrin Ebersohn
Co Producer:	Elisabeth Kleppe (Aldeles AS)
Associate Producer:	Abla Khoury (Ginger Beirut Productions)
Line Producer in Lebanon:	Malek Hosni
Sound Recording:	Rawad Hobeika
Sound Design and Mix:	Philippe Ciompi
Composer:	Mari Kvien Brunvoll
Additional Sound Recording:	Karine Bacha, Øyvind Rydland, Rune Baggerud
Driver and Fixer Svalbard:	Friad Zada
Assistant Line Producer Lebanon:	Terry Chalouhi
Colorist:	Christian Berg-Nielsen
Titles:	FDZ

FEATURING

ICARDA administrative assistant: Ghinwa Salhab
Van driver: Youssef Amer
ICARDA researcher: Sawsan Tawkaz
ICARDA documentation specialist: Mohamed Fawzy Nawar
ICARDA daily laborers: Ola, Sawsan, Amal, Reem, Bayan, Alya
Youssef's Guest: Khaled 'Erajji
Svalbard Church Priest: Leif Magne Helgesen
Norwegian Polar Institute Director: Kim Holmén
Organic Farmer: Walid El-Youssef
and his family: Fadda, Mahmoud and Areej, Hamid, Ibrahim and Ali.

Poetry written and recited by: Osama Samra

LOCATIONS

Terbol, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon
Global Seed Vault, Svalbard
Sawiri, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon
Saadnayel, Bekaa Valley, Lebanon

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BIOGRAPHY

Jumana Manna is a Palestinian artist working primarily with film and sculpture. Her work explores how power is articulated through relationships, often focusing on the body and materiality in relation to narratives of state building, and histories of place. Manna received a BFA from the National Academy of Arts in Oslo and an MA in Aesthetics and Politics from California Institute of the Arts. She has participated in multiple festivals and exhibitions, including the Viennale International Film Festival, BAFICI, IFFR Rotterdam, Tate Modern, Marrakech Biennale 6 and The Nordic Pavilion, 57th Venice Biennale. Her 2015 documentary "A Magical Substance Flows Into Me" (premiered in Berlinale Forum, 2016) won Films on Art Competition, at the New Horizons International Film Festival, Wrocław. Manna was awarded the A.M. Qattan Foundation's Young Palestinian Artist Award in 2012, the Ars Viva Prize for Visual Arts and was nominated for the Preis der Nationalgalerie für junge Kunst in 2017.

FILMOGRAPHY

Blessed Blessed Oblivion (2010), 21 min HD Video

The Umpire Whispers (2010), 15 min HD Video

A Sketch of Manners (Alfred Roch's Last Masquerade)
(2013), 12 min HD video

The Goodness Regime Jumana Manna & Silje Storihle (2013),
21 min HD video

A Magical Substance Flows Into Me (2015), 68min HD video

Still Images, Poster, Director's Portrait, Essay and Statement:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wzt9v7zejnx9ghi/AAB2CjTeDgncjPtGdJG8AiAXa?dl=0>