

## ATEFEH KHADEMOLREZA

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Freelance Filmmaker (2006 – 2023)
- Member of the Iranian Short Film Association (ISFA) (2007 – 2023)
- Member of the Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) (2020 – 2023)
- Member of Women In Film & Television (WIFT) (2023)
- Founding member of the Association of Iranian Film and Theatre Artists Abroad (AIFTAA)

### EDUCATION

- M.F.A. in Film Production (2017-2019) - York University, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Canada
- M.A. in Animation Directing (2016-2019) - Sooreh University, Faculty of Animation, Iran
- Graduate Filmmaking Certificate (2008) - Asian Film Academy (AFA), Faculty of Filmmaking, Korea
- Bachelor of Directing for Cinema (2001 - 2005) - Sooreh University, Faculty of Cinema, Iran

### HONORS

- 2023 - World premiere of the short animated documentary "METEOR" at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF'23)
- 2023- The Big Pitch presented by CaribbeanTales Media Group at the TIFF Bell Lightbox
- 2023 - Netflix-BANFF Diversity of Voices Pitch Program
- 2021-2022 - Writer-in-residence at the Toronto International Film Festival's (TIFF'21) Micki Moore Residency
- 2019, 2020, and 2021 - Looking China Youth Film Project. Created three short films in China: "Verdant Whispers," "Amber in The Mountains," and "Comb Sister/Canon"
- 2019 - Reelworld E20 program, Toronto
- 2006 and 2016 - The Serbia Interaction Film Camp. Wrote and directed two short documentaries titled "Inside the Circle" and "Walk on the Rail"
- 2008 - Asian Film Academy (AFA), Korea. Wrote and edited a short film named "One Last Goodbye"
- 2006 - Berlin Talent Campus. Selected by Wim Wenders and Moritz Laube to edit a part of "Land of Plenty" by *Wim Wenders*

### INTERNATIONAL FILMMAKING EXPERIENCE (2006-2023)

#### SCREENWRITER:

- **FISH ISLAND** (2023) - TV series - Development - this supernatural murder mystery series presented at the BIG PITCH - TIFF'23.
- **BUZZER** – Feature, Canada, English Language, Co-Writer/Co-Creator: With collaborator SAMUEL KIEHOON LEE. Funding from the Canada Council for the Arts.
- **ECLIPSE** – Feature, Canada, English Language, scoring an 84% rating on the film industry site SLATED and developed through the TIFF 2021 Micki Moore writer's residency. Recently optioned by Good Measure Productions.
- **SHEYDA** – Adaptation, Feature, Canada, English Language

Produced Screenplays | Writer | Director

#### FEATURES:

- **Once Upon a Time** – Feature, Farsi Language, Iran, 2011

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- **Are You a Cop?** – Feature, Farsi Language, Iran, 2010

#### SHORTS:

- **Meteor** – Short Animated Documentary, Farsi Language, 10 min, Canada, 2023
- **Comb Sister** – Short Animation, English Language, 7 min, Canada/China, 2021
- **Amber in The Mountains** – Animation, Chinese Language, 6 min, Canada/China, 2020
- **Birthday** – Short, Farsi, Syrian, Serbian, and English Language, 27 min, Canada, 2019
- **Deja Vu** – Short, English & Kurdish Language, 12 min, Canada, 2018
- **Walk on the Rail** – Documentary, Serbian Language, 12 min, Serbia, 2015
- **One Last Goodbye** – Short, Korean Language, 10 min, Korea, 2008
- **Dream of Dragonfly** – Short, Farsi Language, 20 min, Iran, 2008
- **Empty Fish Bowl** – Short, Farsi Language, 12 min, Iran, 2007
- **Inside the Circle** – Documentary, Serbian Language, 12 min, Serbia, 2006
- **Café 469** – Short, Farsi Language, 5 min, Iran, 2006
- **The Ugliest Angel of the World** – Short, Farsi Language, 23 min, Iran, 2004

#### RECENT FILM AWARDS – INTERNATIONAL

- 2023 - World premiere of the short animated documentary "METEOR" at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF'23)
- 2022 - Nominated for Best Director and Best Editor at the 12th Iranian Short Film Academy Awards
- 2021 - First Prize for The Best Short Animation from The 21st Animation Academy Award of Beijing Film Academy, China
- 2021 - Won the Third Prize of the Golden Lenses Award, Looking China, China
- 2020 - Special Mention at the Global University Film Awards, Hong Kong
- 2020 - Award Winner, Tagore International Film Festival, India
- 2019 - First Prize for The Best Film and The Best Directing Award from Festival Internacional de Cinema da Figueira da Foz - Film Art, Portugal
- 2019 - First Prize for the Best Short Film award from the 7th Indian Cine Film Festival-19, Mumbai
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#### ACCOLADES

- Receiving production funding from the Canada Council for the Arts, 2022
- Receiving development funding from the Canada Council for the Arts, 2022
- Toronto Arts Council, Toronto, 2020
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship Award (OGS), Toronto, 2018
- York Graduate Scholarship, Toronto, 2017
- York University Graduate Fellowship, Toronto, 2017

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

- Producer and Director (2015-2017- Institute for the Intellectual Development of Children and Young Adults, Tehran, Iran)
- Copywriter (2013-2014- Badkoobeh Creative Agency, Tehran, Iran)
- Writer and Director (2010-2013- Iran Broadcasting, Tehran, Iran)

#### LANGUAGES

- Persian: Mother tongue/ English: Fluent/ French: Beginner

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