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1 Palestinian Film Series opens April 12 at Latchis Theatre

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4 The third annual Palestine Film Series will be presented
5 in the main theater of the Latchis Theatre on four consecutive
6 Sundays, starting April 12, at 4 p.m.

7 The film series opens with the Oscar-shortlisted feature
8 *Palestine '36*. It will be followed by *Put Your Soul on Your Hand*
9 *and Walk* April 19. The Oscar-nominated dramatized film *The*
10 *Voice of Hind Rajab* will be featured April 26. The series will

11 conclude May 3 with screenings of two shorter films, *Aisha's*
12 *Story and Exception*.

13 "As war spreads to countries throughout the Middle East,
14 these films are as important and timely as ever," Shana Frank, the
15 film series coordinator, said in a news release. "They pay tribute
16 to those who have lost their lives and highlight the challenges
17 that proud, resilient Palestinians have faced for decades."

18 In *Palestine '36*, Aisha Azzam, a grandmother who lives
19 in a refugee camp in Jordan with her children and grandchildren,
20 shares family stories as she grinds heirloom grains and prepares
21 traditional meals. She uses the millstone that her grandmother
22 brought with them when the family, along with hundreds of
23 thousands of others, was forced to flee Palestine during the 1948
24 Nakba. In *Aisha's Story*, she affirms that "food is what keeps us
25 together as Palestinians."

26 Fatima Hassona, a high-spirited photojournalist, reflects
27 that she "only knew Gaza, the small room in the world's big
28 house." Through a series of video calls, the award-winning
29 filmmaker Sepideh Farsi, befriends Hassona. The day after it is
30 announced that their film, *Put Your Soul on Your Hand and Walk*,
31 is accepted in the 2025 Cannes Film Festival, Hassona and her
32 family are killed in a targeted Israeli airstrike.

33 The Palestine Film Series is hosted by Latchis Arts and
34 sponsored by Southern Vermont for Palestine, a grassroots group
35 that calls for freedom, justice, equality, sovereignty, and
36 democracy for all people in the region between the Jordan River
37 and the Mediterranean Sea.

38 Admission to the programs is by donation. Masking is
39 requested. The film screenings will be followed by moderated
40 conversations. More information on the film series can be found
41 at svt4palestinefilmseries.org.

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