

RUNNING WITH THE BEASTS

LEBANON

90 MINS

SYNOPSIS: Amid Lebanon's economic collapse, five friends embark on a risky secret plan to chase their dreams, facing the unexpected cost of growing up.

Leila Basma

Director



Leila is a Lebanese filmmaker based between Beirut and Prague. She holds a BA from IESAV in Beirut, and an MFA in Film Directing from FAMU. Through her work, she explores the themes of society, youth, womanhood, and identity. Her short documentary The Adam Basma Project was short-listed for the Student Academy Awards after touring international documentary film festivals. Her graduation film Sea Salt was selected to premiere at the Venice IFF La Biennale in the official Orizzonti Competition. Leila is currently developing various film and

photography projects.

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Natália Pavlove

Producer



Natália, a Czech-based producer, holds an MA in Producing from FAMU and MA in International Relations and Management. She founded her own company, Other Stories, in 2021 after collaborating on various feature films, series, and documentaries with production companies in the Czech Republic. She produced the award-winning short film "Vinland" and the Czech-Lebanese-Qatar coproduction "Sea Salt," both celebrated at international film festivals

such as Venice IFF, Karlovy Vary IFF 2022, and Cairo IFF 2022. Currently, she is collaborating and developing projects with emerging female directors. She is an IDFA Academy and EURODOC alumna and was nominated for the Czech National Film Awards.

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Siri Hjorton Wagner

Swedish Co-Producer



Siri Hjorton Wagner is a producer and founder of [sic] film. Since starting the company in 2015 she's produced shorts and features that have screened at festivals like Berlinale and Sundance, and been awarded with several prizes, among them the Swedish Academy Award - the Guldbagge. She has also line produced TV series, and directed shorts and music videos - earning her a nomination for the Swedish Grammy awards for Best Music Video. Siri has

participated in Nordic Film Lab, Young Nordic Producer's club in Cannes, Rotterdam

Lab, Berlinale Talents, Producer's network and is an EAVE alumni.

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