Film

MALEK MEANS ANGEL

Lea Hjort Mathiesen, Denmark, 2014
28 min. | DK/Documentary








With the smile of an angel and the will of a warrior, Malek is far from an average 11-year-old girl. Striving to one day become a professional fencer, she spends every day training alongside her best friend Yassmine in a working class neighbourhood in Tunis. Malek and Yassmine are training intensively to take the top medals in an upcoming fencing competition. When the day finally arises, Malek's strength and dreams are put to the test. An intimate coming-of-age story, the film captures the life of a young Muslim girl who allows for herself to feel and to fight.

Basic information

Credits

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Director	Lea Hjort Mathiesen

Producer	Lea Hjort Mathiesen
Director of Photography	Lea Hjort Mathiesen
Editor	Lea Hjort Mathiesen
Sound	Oskar Skriver, Thomas Arent
Appearance	Malek Hannachi, Yassmine Ayari
Production country	Denmark
Domestic distribution	Danske Filmskole
International sales	The National Film School of Denmark

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