

FESTIVALS & AWARDS:

- Festival des 3 continents (2008)
- Dubai International Film Festival (2008)
- Festival du cinéma d'auteur en numérique (2008)
- Festival international de films de Fribourg (2009)
- Festival International du cinéma mediteraneen de Tétouan (2009)
- Documenta Madrid (2009)
- Dok.FEST in Munich (2009)



FILMOGRAPHY:

- Roumaine, l'après Ceaucescu (1990)
- Barcelone (1992)
- Territoire(s) (1996)
- Visions of Bali (1997)
- Culture Pub spécial Algérie (1997)
- Decibed (1998)
- Boudiaf, un espoir assassiné (1999)
- DêmoKratia (2000/2001)
- Plaisirs d'eau (2001)
- Algérie(s) (2003)
- Aliénations (2004)
- Le Gran Jeu (2005)
- La Chine est encore loin (2008)



On November 1, 1954, near Ghassira, a village lost in the Aurès mountains, a French teacher and his wife and a local governor became the first civilian victims of a seven-year war that would lead to the independence of Algeria. More than 50 years on, Malek Bensmail returned to this Shaoui village, which has become 'the cradle of the Algerian revolution' and spent the seasons there filming its inhabitants, its school and its children. Balanced between the present and the collective past, the film captures and Algerian reality in all its profoundly human, contradictory complexity.

DIRECTOR'S BIOGRAPHY:

Malek Bensmail was born in Constantine in 1966. He soon devoted his time to make challenging documentaries about his country in which he focused on themes such as belonging and Identity. He has always sought to confront Algeria with its "other side" by conveying the complexities of Algeria. Issues he deals with are: democracy, modernity, language, society—all the aspects of contemporary society facing his country.

DIRECTOR:

Malek Bensmail

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