

Scheherazade Tell Me a Story

Ehky Ya Schahrazad

Egypt/2009/35mm/Colour/134'/Arabic

Direction: Yousry Nasrallah

Producer: Kamel Abou Ali

Screenplay: Waheed Hamed

Cinematography: Samir Bahsan

Editing: Mona Rabi

Sound: Ahmed Gaber

Cast: Mona Zakki, Mahmoud Hemeida, Hassan El Raddad, Sawsan Badr, Rihab El Gamal, Nesrine Amin, Nahed El Sebai, Mohamed Ramadan, Sanaa Akroud.

Awards/Festivals

Venice Film Festival, Lina Mangiacapre Award 2009

Egyptian Film Critics Award, Best Film,

Best Actress Toronto Film Festival 2009

Mostra International Film Festival 2009

Hebba Younis is the host of a fiercely independent talk-show that digs into the corruption that permeates Egyptian politics. The highly successful show creates problems for her husband Karim Hassan, a newspaper editor of a government-owned daily. Hebba is asked to soften the blazingly critical tone and to change the focus of her show for the professional and political ambitions of her husband, a demand which she complies reluctantly. Instead, she presents a series of broadcasts in which women from several walks of life talk about how sex and gender roles have impacted their lives that eventually reveals the lives and struggles that may be even more damaging.