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Bist

Iran/2009/35mm/Colour/88'/Persian

Indian
Premiere 

Direction, Screenplay: Abdolreza Kahani

Producer: Pouran Derakhshandeh

Cinematography: Massoud Salami

Editing: Shima Monfared

Sound: Abbas Rastegarpour

Cast: Parviz Parastui, Mahtab Keramati, Ali-Reza Khamseh,
Mehran Ahmadi, Ali-Reza Hosseini, Fereshteh Sadr Orafai,
Habib Rezaie

Festivals/Awards

Warsaw Summer Festival 2009, Montreal International Film Festival 2009, Batumi International Film Festival 2009.

Soleimani, a grim-faced, lonely old man demands maximum hours from his stressed out staff who work on minimum wages at his banquet hall. The hall hosts mainly mourning receptions (and occasionally a wedding), and the sorrow they invariably bring has drained the owner so much that his psychologist has recommended closing down his business immediately. The announcement of the hall's sale and subsequent demolition completely crushes the five poor employees for whom the reception hall is more than a job. The closing of the hall is a threat which each of them tries to thwart by whatever means.