

full biography - **Muriel Aboulrouss**

· Muriel Aboulrouss, an award-winning cinematographer from Beirut Lebanon, is the first woman to actually work as a cinematographer in the Arab World. Her numerous cinematography credits include also award winning documentaries: "The oil spill", "Lesson in History" and "Marcedes" and "Ya Omri" all by Hady Zaccak; She also won "Best cinematography" at the Arab Screen International Awards for "The shower", a short film by Michel Kamoun, with whom she also shot his first feature film: Falafel (best film at Namur film festival 2006).

Muriel has been working for the past 25 years very selectively on documentaries and films following her passion, exercising the art of making films. She shot another Lebanese feature film "Stray Bullet" a drama from the 70's a tale beautifully told by Georges Hashem, also recently she has contributed to the biographical documentary of Mahmoud Kaabour featuring his grand mother "Teta Alf Marra". Stray Bullet won Best cinematography at Namur film festival and Best Arab film at Dubai film festival (2010) while Teta Alf Marra snatched the audience award for best documentary at Doha Tribeca film festival, Docs Box Damascus festival (2010-2011) and in London international film festival.

Muriel is also the cinematographer for Shankaboot, the first Arab webseries produced by the BBC trust fund and Batouta films, Shankaboot won Reflet d'Or for best webseries fiction at Geneva film festival 2010 and again won the digital Emmy award in 2011 amongst other international awards at webfests around the globe.

As a teacher & lecturer she created & led "Cine-Jam" film lab since 2012 which she was also invited to conduct at the Famu film school in Prague. In 2014, she debuted as a director with the documentary series Zyara, produced by her own Humanitarian Arts association "Home of Cine-Jam", which she set up together with Denise Jabbour. Zyara has won 45 international awards so far and a new season will be produced every year. For Muriel, learning & teaching are the ultimate destination and the greatest act of resistance.

Links to selective previous work:

<https://youtu.be/eCN2yiR4hHw>

Marcedes by Hady Zaccak

<https://youtu.be/9RkrEMz26bg>

Ya Omri trailer

Winner best cinematography

By Hady Zaccak

<https://youtu.be/qUSqgBk7Mfc>

Falafel trailer

By Michel Kammoun

<https://youtu.be/fBaO5C4Jz5s>

Stray Bullet trailer

By georges Hachem

Winner best cinematography

Zyara multiple award winning doc series by Home of Cine-Jam

Personal project as a co-creator with Denise Jabbour.

Zyara is where I was able to be a free cinematographer and free artist in the intuitive creative process.

<https://youtu.be/dTc1sb6Ppsk>

Trailer season 5

<https://youtu.be/iowqo2tW6Xg>

Trailer season 2

And also I am a teacher - creator and conductor of Cinea-jam intuitive Film Lab:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLi0mQX-gG3t9ORPnCfViOBj6IUqf4g9kc>

Links to Cine-Jam trailers