

AMAZIGH FILM FESTIVAL USA

2024 PROGRAM

The Amazigh Film Festival was a welcome addition to Boston's independent film scene, and gave the Amazigh community a platform for educating the public about their oft-misunderstood heritage. Residing in a part of the world broadly painted as Arab, Amazigh communities typically receive little attention from the West. And in an era when Western public interest in North Africa centers on wars and conflicts, the film festival offered a refreshing alternative perspective on the region's rich cultural heritage. Highlighting women's stories, the festival helped to complicate stereotypical images of North African women, for Western and North African viewers alike."

(Review of 2016 Amazigh Film Festival, Boston, USA)

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm - Festival opens with a few words of introduction - DVD NO. 1 – **History of the film festival 2008-2023** – Montage by Helene E. Hagan, AFF Executive Producer, Amazigh Video Productions, Indian Wells, Ca. (US - 5:10).



3:15 pm – 3:45 pm – DVD No. 2 –

Documentary: **“Through The Blooming Valleys”** Amazigh

Music and Dance Series, Dounia Productions, Morocco, 26

minutes (2016). Winner of multiple international awards.



3:45 pm – 4:25 pm

DVD No 4.

Documentary: **Timnadine songs** with Hmad Laarossi
(40 minutes, Canada and Morocco 2012) Caitlin Rodger
filmed in southeast Morocco, region of Merzouga

4:30 pm – 5:10 pm – Intermission – 40 minutes



5:10 pm – 6:00 pm – DVD 5 Documentary
“Dream Weavers” (52 minutes, Middle Atlas of Morocco, 2014)
Ithri Irhoudane - Rug weavers of a Middle Atlas village of
Morocco want to create a co-op and consult women of the
Souss valley who have created an argan oil association. A
splendid film about the creativity , dreams and hopes of
Amazigh women.

6:00 pm – 6:20 pm - DVD No. 6 – **Images of Kabylia** – (Algeria- USA, 17
minutes), Montage by Helene Hagan. Amazigh Video Productions



6:20 pm – 8:00 pm

Full length feature film: “**ARGU**” (Dream)- DVD No. 7 - Omar
Belkaceml – A poetic presentation of the heights of Kabyle
mountains of Algeria through a story laden with emotion in a
splendid natural setting, which has been reviewed as “an
exceptional work of art. (97 min, Algeria, 2021)

8:00 pm – 8 :30 pm - Q and A

8: 30 pm – 9:30 pm – Tazzla Award and Amazigh Concert.

