



## IN SYRIA

Autumn  
Season  
2017

Release: 2017

Cert (UK): 15

Country: Belgium | France | Lebanon

Language: Arabic

Runtime: 85 mins

Director: Philippe Van Leeuw

Cast: Hiam Abbass, Diamand Bou Abboud, Juliette Navis



Portraying claustrophobic family life lived within the Syrian war zone, *Insyriated* redefines the genre of 'war movie.' Philippe Van Leeuw holds the viewer hostage alongside the family, who are trying to survive day by day within the apartment. Creating a soundscape of constant sniper fire in combination with the eternal drone of over head helicopters, Van Leeuw engenders a feeling of oppressive confinement akin to being kept within a increasingly shrinking cell.

The Film won the Audience Award at the Berlin Film Festival plus other awards.

The Director wanted to make the film be '*about ordinary people being confronted with those extreme situations and I wondered how they managed and was eager to explore that.*' Because of this apart from the main actors the cast are Syrian refugees.