



MUSTANG

Autumn
Season
2016

Release: 2015

Cert (UK): 15

Language: Turkish

Runtime: 1 hr 37 mins

Director: Deniz Gamze Ergüven

Cinematographer: Luca Bigazzi

Cast: Günes Sensoy, Doga Zeynep Doguslu, Tugba Sunguroglu



Nominated for an Oscar and winner of many other awards from Cannes to Odessa this debut film by a woman director portrays life in rural Turkey. In part it is a coming of age film but more than that it portrays the clashing of cultures.

Five free-spirited teenaged sisters splash about on the beach with their male classmates. Though their games are merely innocent fun, a neighbour passes by and reports what she considers to be illicit behaviour to the girls' family. The family overreacts, removing all "instruments of corruption," like cell phones and computers, and essentially imprisoning the girls, subjecting them to endless lessons in housework in preparation for them to become brides. As the eldest sisters are married off, the younger ones bond together to avoid the same fate. The fierce love between them empowers them to rebel and chase a future where they can determine their own lives.

Mustang is a strikingly original, if disturbing film, which certainly deserves to be seen by us all. Paddy Kehoe

Mustang is a gripping film, and one that ought to stir up a bit of controversy in Turkey. Guardian