

## **Beautiful City** (*Shahr-e Ziba*)

**Director & Scriptwriter:** Asghar Farhadi

**Director of photography:** Ali Loghmani

**Sound:** Hassan Zahedi

**Sound & Mix:** Masood Behnam

**Editor:** Shahrzad Pooya

**Music:** Hamidreza Sadri

**Cast:** Faramarz Gharibian, Taraneh Alidoosti, Babak Ansari, Ahoo Kheradmand

**Production Company:** Neshane Ltd.

**Producer:** Iraj Taghipour

**2004, 102 min, Color, 35mm**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Akbar has been held in a rehabilitation center for committing murder at the age of sixteen when he was sentenced to death. Legally speaking, he had to reach the age of eighteen so that the sentence could be carried out. Now, the day after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday Akbar is transferred to prison to await the day of his execution. Akbar's sister and his friend, Ala are his only hope to convince his plaintiff to stop the execution...

### **BIOGRAPHY**

Born in 1972, Asghar Farhadi is a graduate of Theatre from Tehran University (BA) and Tarbiat Modarres (MA). He made several 8mm and 16mm for "Iranian Young Cinema Society".

He wrote plays and screenplays for Iranian television and also directed many popular TV series including "A tale of a City". "Dancing in the Dust", his first feature film received many prizes in the national Fajr film festival and was successful in many international film festivals, too. "Beautiful City" is his second film which was the starting point of his successful career.

Now his famous films such as "Fireworks Wednesday", "About Elly", "A Separation", (winner of the Golden Bear of Berlin F.F. for the best Director), "The Salesman" (that won the best actor and the best screenplay in Cannes 2016),... and recently "A Hero", Winner of the Grand Prix in Cannes 2021, have brought him to the "A" list directors of the world. By receiving two Oscars for the Best Foreign Language Film for his films "A Separation" (2011) and "The Salesman" (2016), Asghar Farhadi is one of the few directors worldwide who have won the category twice.

### **FILMOGRAPHY**

#### **Shorts & Documentaries**

"Radio"	15 min	Short Film	1988
"Janali"	20 min	Short Film	1989
"The World of Walls"	10 min	Short Film	1990
"The Adventures of Mr. Filmmaker"	18 min	Short Film	1991
"The Eyes"	15 min	Documentary	1992
"The Wire"	20 min	Short-Fiction	1998

## Features

A Hero	127 min.	2021
Everybody Knows	133 min.	2018
The Salesman	124 min.	2016
The Past	130 min.	2013
A Separation	123 min.	2011
About Elly	119 min.	2009
Fireworks Wednesday	104 min.	2006
Beautiful City	102 min.	2004
Dancing in the Dust	101 min.	2003

## FESTIVALS & AWARDS

- Montreal Film Festival (2004/ Canada)
- Umea Int'l Film Festival (2004/ Sweden)
- Int'l F.F for Children and Young Audience in Chemnitz (2004/ Germany)
- Warsaw Int'l Film Festival (2004/ Poland) **Winner of the Best Feature Film**
- Festival Cinema Tout Ecran (2004/ Switzerland) **Winner of The Egli Prize**
- Gene Siskel Film Festival (2004/ USA)
- Sao Paulo Film Festival (2004/ Brazil)
- Museum of Fine Arts in Boston (2004/ USA)
- International Film Festival in India (2004/ India) **Winner of the Best Feature Film and the Best Actor**
- Bangkok Int'l Film Festival (2005/ Thailand)
- Pune Int'l Film Festival (2005/ India)
- Rotterdam International Film Festival (2005/ Netherlands)
- Portland Int'l Film Festival (2005/ USA)
- UCLA Film Festival (2005/ USA)
- Festival Int'l Faces of Love (2005/ Russia) **Winner of the Grand-Prix "Golden Arrow" for Best Film**
- Amnesty International Film Festival (2005/ Netherlands)
- Nat Film Festival (2005/ Norway)
- Stockholm Int'l Film Festival (2005/ Sweden)
- The Back Lot Film Festival (2005/ Netherlands)
- Verona Int'l Film Festival (2005/ Italy)
- DC Washington Int'l Film festival (2005/ USA)
- Cinema Panora Film Festival (2005/ Sweden)
- Rencontres Int'l de Cinema a Paris! FORUM DES IMAGES (2005/ France)
- High Museum of Art in Atlanta (2005/ USA)
- Hong Kong Asian Film Festival (2005/ Hong Kong)
- Oslo Films from the South Int'l Film Festival (2005/ Norway)
- Cinemania Int'l Film Festival (2005/ Philippine)
- International Meeting of Cinema & History Film Festival (2005/ Turkey)
- Seattle Arab & Iranian Film Festival (2006/ USA)
- UCLA (University of California) (15 April 2006 / USA)
- Das Iranische Wien (8 Nov. 2009 / Austria)
- Taipei Film House (19 Aug. – 9 Sept.2011 / Taiwan)