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Indies@Vinegar Hill 2017 Inaugural Event!

Light House Studio — a nonprofit organization bringing hands-on training and support to the filmmakers of tomorrow — and **Indie Film Minute** — a local Charlottesville web publisher and syndicated radio producer on a mission to spread the love of independent cinema—are proud to present a screening of the Sundance Global Cinema Audience Award winning *Captain Abu Raed* at their inaugural 2017 screening of their ongoing Indies@Vinegar Hill curated film series. The beauty of this special film will be enhanced by a discussion and audience Q&A with Director Amin Matalqa following the film.

This Indies@Vinegar Hill event will be presented at Vinegar Hill Theatre, at 7:00 Thursday January 26. (In keeping with their standard monthly ‘Final Thursday’ schedule).

Captain Abu Raed is a special film that reminds us of the good showered on all concerned from caring mentorship to youth. This first feature film ever shot in Jordan, and the first film from Director Amin Matalqa, is one of those magical films that sneak into our hearts, and remind us of why we love cinema.

This is the inaugural event of the 2017 season of the Indies@Vinegar Hill film series. Bringing under-the-radar independently produced films to the screen (followed by a discussion with each film's director), Indies@Vinegar Hill has been warmly embraced by a growing audience. Audience surveys of previous events have yielded an exciting 9 out of a possible 10 score for overall satisfaction. “It seems our audiences share our love of these special films” says Brooks Wellmon of Light House Studio.

This Indies@Vinegar Hill event is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday January 26 (doors open at 6:30) Tickets are available at the door and in advance through www.indiefilmminute.com. \$10.00 admission

“Vinegar Hill has a long history of showing thoughtful, independently-produced feature films to a very appreciative Charlottesville audience,” says Deanna Gould, Executive Director of Light House. “Today the renovated theatre, refitted with a digital cinema projector and state-of-the-art sound system, serves as a community studio for teaching film skills to our area’s youth. Reopening this much-loved part of Charlottesville history to a public who craves these independently spirited films fits perfectly with our mission of sharing all aspects of the art of filmmaking with our community.”

Because of my association with the film industry,” says Barry Sisson, Chief Film Fan at the Indie Film Minute, “I am always asked for my favorite film recommendations. For convenience, I have printed ten favorites on the back of my business card. *Captain Abu Raed* is one of those ten. We at the Indie Film Minute are just so happy to be participating with the great folks at Light House to bring these special films to our community.”

Films in the series will vary from narrative, to documentary, to foreign. All will be from independent sources, and their associated filmmaker will be present, most often digitally, to interact with the audience after the screening. For more information, Contacts Follow

Indies@Vinegar Hill, 2017 Season Kickoff!

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Additional Materials and Background

Indie Film Minute's take on the film may not yet be posted. To receive a copy of this upcoming audio recommendation, contact Indie Film Minute directly.

Interviews with Director Amin Matalqa may be arranged through the Indie Film Minute. We will be happy to coordinate.

Pictures associated with the film or Logos of the presenting partners are available upon request.

Our Audio Recommendation of this special film may be found at:

<http://www.indiefilmminute.com/archive/captain-abu-raed-68/>

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