



SOMAYEH HAGHNEGAHDAR

DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER
FILM EDITOR

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EDUCATION

- **Development & Production**

High level professional training course in the cinema and audiovisual sector, 500 hours
Cineteca of Bologna (2024-2025)

- **Master degree**

Information, Cultures and Media Organization
Bologna University (2022-2024)

- **Bachelor of Cinema**

Tehran Art University (1998-2001)

- **Diploma in Visual Arts**

High school of art in Shiraz (1998)

SOFTWARE

- Premiere
- Final cut
- Audition
- Photoshop

LANGUAGES

- **Persian:** Mother tongue
- **Italian:** C2
- **English:** B2

ABOUT ME

With over 25 years of experience in cinema, I have transformed my passion and creativity into an international career.

I have collaborated as an editor on films that have won awards at major international festivals, including **Sundance, IDFA, and Clermont-Ferrand**.

I am an active member of the Iranian Independent Filmmakers Association (IIFMA) since its foundation, and I firmly support the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement, promoting the growth of independent Iranian cinema.

I believe in art as a space for creation and intercultural dialogue, and I am enthusiastic about broadening my horizons in new, innovative international projects.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DIRECTING (2000 - 2025)

- Documentary film **Dear Paper Stars**, in progress
- Short films on **gender inequality in the labor market**, for the Bologna University, 2023
- **Advertising films**
- **Industrial documentary films**
- Short film **Iraninan Style Photography**, (16mm)

EDITING (2000 - 2025)

- Documentary **Resistere per Esistere**, project "Schermi di Carta", 2025
- Documentary film **Pier Paolo Pasolini in Folgorazioni figurative**, 2022
- Documentary film **Klantari, Life & Experience**, director Mohsen Mahmoodzadeh
- Documentary film **Milad**, director Khatere Hanachi
- Documentary film **Sonita** (pre-edit) director Rokhsareh Ghaemmaghami

winner of the Audience Award for Best Film at **Sundance 2016**

winner of the Grand Jury Prize for World Cinema of **Sundance 2016**

winner of the **IDFA 2016, DOC U Award**

- Short film **Futile Garden**, director Ghazale Soltani

participated in **Cinéfondation de Cannes 2015**

winner of the best foreign film award of the **Clermont-Ferrand festival 2015**

- Documentary series **Iran** (33 episodes), director Mohsen Mahmoodzadeh
- Documentary series **Formula 5**
- Feature Film **Memories of the Rainy Night**, director Siamak Shayeghi
- Documentary film **Water, Wind, Fire**, director Yassamin Turang
- Documentary film **Memori of a Friend**, director Khatere Hanachi
- Documentary film **A Poet with Calm Eyes**, director Mohsen Sakha
- Documentary film **They Die a Thousand Times a Day**, director Zahra Aliakbari
- Documentary film **Ojagh**, director Babak Shirinsefat
- Documentary series **Pendar**, director Mohammad Tajik
- Short film **Night Escape**, director Shiva Moghanloo (16mm)
- Short film **Jack**, director Mohsen Mahmoodzadeh (16mm)
- Short film **Iraninan Style Photography**, director Somayeh Haghnegahdar (16mm)
- **Advertising films**
- **Industrial documentary films**

SOUND EDITING (2000 - 2023)

- Feature Film **Simple Homework**, director Babak Kalantari
- Documentary film **Memori of a Friend**, director Khatere Hanachi
- Documentary film **A Poet with Calm Eyes**, director Mohsen Sakha
- Feature Film **Heiran**, with Hossein Mafi, director Shalize Arefpoor
- Documentary series **Pendar**, director Mohammad Tajik
- Podcast **Arctalk**
- Podcast **Koodaket**

PROJECT MANAGER (2010 - 2016)

in my advertising agency "**Golden Idea**", Tehran-Iran

- **project leader and management** of the creative work team
- **design, organization and implementation** of the projects
- **design and organization** of commercial, cultural and start up events
- client management- communication side project creation

TEACHING (2000-2025)

- **Cinematography**, 2009-2020, lecturer at Tehran private art university
- **Editing**, 2009-2020, lecturer at the private university of Art in Tehran
- **Photography**, 2009-2020, lecturer at the private university of Art in Tehran
- **Italian language**, 2000-2024, group and individual classes