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Bangkok – UNHCR, The UN Refugee Agency, presents its 8th Refugee Film Festival. The annual festival features award-winning, internationally renowned films, this year revealing the diverse experiences and identities of refugees across the world.

Some of the highlights of this year’s festival include “Mr Gay Syria”, a documentary that explores the plight of two Syrian gay refugees as they attempt to participate in an international beauty contest; Oscar-nominated “4.1 Miles” which follows a Greek coast guard’s attempts at saving thousands of refugees from drowning at sea; and winner of 19 awards “Sonita”, a story of a young Afghan refugee in Iran fighting against child marriage and seizing her destiny through music.

For the first time, the festival will include a short film produced by UNHCR. “The Unforgotten” featuring UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador and South Korean Actor, Jung Woo-sung, who introduces audiences to an internally displaced nine-year-old in Iraq who suffering from hearing and speaking disabilities.

A record 68.5 million people have been driven from their homes worldwide — as many as the entire population of Thailand.

“This year’s films tell us both heart-breaking and heart-warming stories of those forced to flee, said Pia Paguio, UNHCR Thailand’s Officer-in-Charge, “and the power of individuals and communities to change their lives.”

Other films showing in UNHCR’s 8th Refugee Film Festival are:

• “Every Face Has a Name” tracks down and interviews survivors from German concentration camps, 70 years after they reach freedom.

• “The Invisible City: Kakuma” was filmed over four years unveiling the true dynamics of the refugee camp.

• “69 Minutes of 86 Days” follows a 3-year-old Syrian girl making her way to Sweden with her family.

From 23 to 25 November, films will be shown at Bangkok’s Paragon Cineplex.

Admission is free to the general public and can be booked via UNHCR’s Facebook page / UNHCR Thailand.

To book seat for the film please click this link
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVe6QilnM-7Q1XQ5KoFOX83BXux-hTOTJmmDRSuN24F00k-A/viewform

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