



Kurdish Cinema (In Search of Identity)

Country : Switzerland

The Swallow

Die Schwalbe

2016 / Colour / 102 minutes / Swiss-German sign language



Director : Mano Khalil
Producer : Mano Khalil
Cinematographer : Revan Radween
Editor : Thomas Bachman
Music : Mario Batkovic
Cast : Manon Pfrunder, Ismail Zagros (Ramo)

Synopsis : Carrying a faded photograph and a letter, 27-year-old Mira travels from Switzerland to Kurdistan region of Iraq to look for the father she has never met. Once there, she encounters violence and terrorism, but also finds love.



Director's Biography : Mano Khalil (b. 1964) is a Kurdish–Syrian film director. He moved to Czechoslovakia in 1987 to study film directing. Since 1996 he has lived in Switzerland. His documentary, *The Beekeeper*, was screened during the 2015 Human Rights Arts & Film Festival in Melbourne, Australia. Other than *The Swallow*, his first feature fiction film, Khalil also directed *Hafis and Maria* (2018) and *Neighbours* (2021).