

WINTER OF DISCONTENT (El sheita elli fat)

Directed by *Ibrahim El Batout*

Egypt, 96 min., Arabic with English subtitles



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Set against the momentous backdrop of the whirlwind protests in Cairo's Tahrir Square, beginning on January 25th, 2011. Activist Amr, journalist Farah, and State Security officer Adel experience a shifting reality in the days and nights leading up to the resignation of President Mubarak. As the stories of these characters unfold, they are propelled headlong into the heady, often surreal atmosphere of terror, uncertainty, and mass euphoria that surrounded those days that shaped history.

'No other film about the Arab Spring is as apt as Ibrahim El Batout's. It lays bare the police state under President Mubarak and deals with the life of an opposition activist (Amr Waked), one of many whose bravery led to the heady events of Tahrir Square. Powerfully dramatic but never melodramatic, the film is well worth seeking out.'

Derek Malcolm, *The Evening Standard*

CAST

Director: Ibrahim El Batoot

Screenplay: Ibrahim El Batoot, Ahmed Amer, Haby Seoud, Yasser Naim

Cinematography: Victor Credi

Editing: Hisham Saqr

Music: Ahmed Saleh

Producers: Amr Waked, Salah Alhanafy, Ibrahim El Batoot

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Amr Waked

Salah Al-Hanafy

Farah Youssef