



ArrangedHAPPINESS

A film by Dany Dar-Creutz

SYNOPSIS

Arranged Happiness is a non-political story of love and hardship set in the politically-charged region of India's Kashmir Valley where Muslims and Hindus lived in peace throughout great swaths of history prior to last century's partition separating India from Pakistan. The film's loving portrayal of one Muslim Kashmiri family's search for a groom for their daughter provides an intimate and compelling counterweight to a widely held perception of Islam in the West. In an era where the rival nations of India and Pakistan—each with its own storehouse of nuclear weaponry—promote tension and amplify cultural racism, Dar-Creutz's film conjures up an unexpected dose of humanity and mesmerizing beauty where few have thought to look for it.

FORMAT

Feature-Length Documentary
78 min | HDCAM | 16 mm FILM | COLOR & BW | 16:9 Anamorphic | Stereo
Kashmiri | Urdu w/English (& German) subtitles
Voice Over | English | German
2010 | Kashmir-India/Germany/USA
A BlueCirceProduction, devifilm GbR

ARRANGED HAPPINESS SUPPORTED BY:

BR National Broadcast Germany
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DIRECTOR'S BIO—DANY DAR-CREUTZ

Born and raised in Germany, Dany Dar-Creutz received an MFA in Communication-Design from the University of Munich before immigrating to the USA in 1995 in order to study at The Graduate Film Program at New York University. She has directed several documentary films, including "Nobel Voices," a 33-part series about Alfred Nobel and the most distinguished Nobel laureates, for the Smithsonian Institute and "Generation Klima" (Generation Climate), a 20-minute short feature promoting environmental consciousness for the government of Bavaria and exhibited at Museum Mensch und Natur. Her short fiction film, "Captivated," screened at the Henry Miller Film Festival, World Short Film Festival Toronto, Novi Sad Film Festival and Cinequest. Her short fiction film, "Conman," was awarded the Audience Award at the International Film Festival Oldenburg, and Best Short Film at the International Short & Video Festival, New York. "Arranged Happiness" is Dar-Creutz's first feature-length film.

CREDITS

Directed and Produced by Dany Dar-Creutz
Produced by Carolin Dassel, Sepp Reidinger
Director of Photography Roland Vuskovic
2nd Camera Dany Dar-Creutz
Edited by Caspar Stracke **and Co-Edited by** D Dar-Creutz
Original Score by Ori Kaplan and Philipp Benesch