



PERMISSION
(Araghe Sard)
(Also called Cold Sweat)

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Year!

Autumn
Season
2019

Release: 2018

Cert (UK): NA

Country: Iran

Language: In Persian with English subtitles

Runtime: 1 hour 26 mins

Director: Soheil Beiraghi

Writer: Soheil Beiraghi

Cinematographer: Farshad Mohammadi

Cast: Baran Kosari, Amir Jadidi, Leili Rashidi



Imagine if Harry Kane had been forced to miss the world cup because his wife would not let him go. Based on a true story, this is what happened to Afrooz in Iran, when her passport was refused because her husband had not given his permission.

'Beyond her love of the game itself and her commitment to her country's success, Afrooz's identity is at stake. She has played for 11 years and been married for just six; why is being a wife then assumed to define her? A film that urges its audience to do more than just feel sad and sign a couple of petitions, 'Permission' brims with an anger that goes beyond that of Afrooz. It's less interested in tragedy than in making demands, less in pity than in emphasising how much potential is squandered when women are treated in this way. It's full of hunger for justice' - Jennie Kermode, Eye for Film.

This is Soheil Beiraghi's second film as a director, following on from his earlier 'Me' in 2016. Coming from Iran it is going to hard for him to get much released in the West, but, judging from this film, he is one to watch out for.

