

# SILENCE AFTER THE STORM

Documentary

DOCUMENTARY COMING SOON  
SHOT IN SYRIA IRAQ AND TURKEY

CINEMATOGRAPHY &  
DIRECTING  
SARGON SAADI

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A REFLECTIVE JOURNEY OF NOSTALGIA AND DISCOVERY THROUGH  
THE ASSYRIAN GENOCIDE

SPONSORS KANUSOFT ASSYRIAN AID SOCIETY A DEMAND FOR ACTION  
INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT MUSIC BY MALEK GAWRIEH EDWIN ELIEH  
CAST SAVINA DAWOOD FADI KHIYO NICHOLAS ALJELOO  
SHOT AND DIRECTED BY SARGON SAADI

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## **TAGLINE**

In time of existential threat to the indigenous Assyrian Christian minority by ISIS, the filmmaker travels back to his ancestral homeland, Syria, through a journey of nostalgia and discovery.

## **SYNOPSIS**

After ISIS kidnapped many of his relatives in Syria, Fadi, a local Assyrian artist, reflects on his people's dire condition in profound and ironic thoughts. While he's working on his new art piece at his rundown workshop, a filmmaker from Los Angeles, Sargon, travels back to his war-torn ancestral homeland aiming to expose the atrocities and search for hope.

During his travels on the frontlines in Iraq, he meets a charismatic young activist, Savina, who offers unique insight into the inner conflict within the endangered community.

The film concludes in southeastern Turkey in a region where the first major tragedy hit in 1915, a century before ISIS.

## **OFFICIAL WEBSITE**

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## **TECHNICAL SPECS**

**Length:** 25 minutes

**Aspect Ratio:** 16:9

**Cameras:** Canon C100 MKII- Canon DSLR - GoPro –iPhone

**Subtitles:** English

**Film Language:** English, Arabic, Kurdish, and Syriac.

**Locations:** Turkey, Iraq, and Syria.

**Production year:** 2015

FILM SCREENSHOTS



## **SARGON SAADI [Cinematographer/Director]**

Sargon was born in Syria but moved to the US in 2006 to study cinematography at Columbia College Chicago. He graduated with BA in Film in 2011. His versatility allows him to shoot many different genres as well as working in film lighting departments such as NBC's "Chicago Fire" and "Crisis". His latest documentary "The Last Plight" won multiple awards including Vimeo Staff Pick. Sargon currently works as a freelancer cinematographer in Los Angeles.



### **DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT**

"Growing up I heard countless stories from my grandparents about past massacres and century-old genocides inflicted on our people. I always thought to myself what I would have done if I lived in an age where we were facing horrific threats like that. How would I have reacted? When I was a kid, I thought that I would probably be a soldier and kill some bad guys.

Now, that I am grown up, it turns out to be that I would be a filmmaker instead.

In the last few years, a new threat of ethnic cleansing is facing my people, the indigenous Assyrians, in the Middle East. This time by the Islamic terrorist organization, ISIS.

In 2014, I flew to Iraq to document the lives of the Yazidi and Assyrian displaced families who were forced out of their homes by ISIS. I named the film "*The Last Plight*" thinking it would be the beginning of the end. I was wrong!

In 2015, I found myself in Syria this time, documenting new atrocities. "*Silence After The Storm*" is a very close film to my heart as it captures the overall mood of a people in a delicate and personal way. I hope many people can relate to it." - Sargon Saadi

## CREDITS

Director .....	Sargon Saadi
Cinematographer / Editor.....	Sargon Saadi
Cast.....	Fadi Khiyo
	Savina Dawood
	Nicholas Al-Jeloo
	Sargon Saadi
Music composer.....	Malek Gawrieh
	Edwin Elieh
Sound Mixing.....	Edwin Elieh
Graphic Animation .....	Daniel Saldivar
GoPro Footage .....	Givargis Sliwus
Los Angeles reenactment director.....	Marodin Thomas-Zadeh
Script Writer Assistants.....	Marodin Thomas-Zadeh
	Reine Hanna
	Amanda Khoshaba
	Savina Dawood
	Ninos
Post Production Consulting.....	Marodin Thomas-Zadeh
	Strange Loop Studios
	Dave Huzieran
Color Grading.....	Jordan Bracewell
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