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Afghanistan Year 1380

Directed by **Alberto Vendemmianti and Fabrizio Lazzaretti**

Produced in **Afghanistan/Italy, 2002**

Running Time: **54m**

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Following the success of *Jung: In the Land of the Mujhaheddin* (featured in the 2001 HRWIFF and winner of the Nestor Almendros Award), filmmakers Lazzaretti and Vendemmianti returned to Afghanistan a week after 9/11 to follow the continuing challenges for surgeon Gino Strada and medical coordinator Kate Rowlands from the NGO Emergency. Having set up a hospital in Kabul the previous spring, they saw it shut down by the Taliban. On October 7th, they decided to reopen the hospital with the city under heavy attack. The filmmakers show life from the perspective of the Afghan people during this extraordinary time, including the reconciliation among ethnic groups, the role of international forces and the treatment of Taliban prisoners of war in Northern Alliance jails.

NB: This film contains graphic scenes.