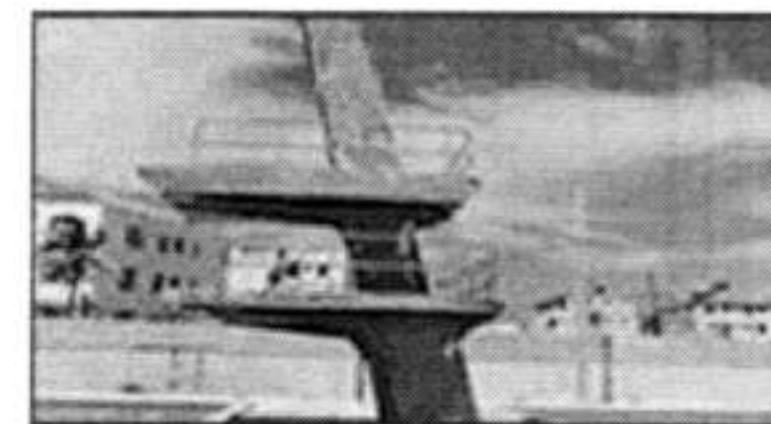


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## Silence... We're Rolling [*Silence... on tourne!*]



Egypt's grandmaster of cinema, Youssef Chahine (subject of a VIFF Tribute in 1999 and the director of *Destiny*, *The Other* and a further 35 titles, stretching back to 1950) returns with this exhilarating, brightly coloured nose-thumb to the forces of oppression. While *Silence... We're Rolling* trumpets the same commitment to secular humanism and the celebration of art, freedom, sensuality and tolerance on display in his earlier works, it is also something more—a deliriously inventive musical that recalls Sirk, Demy, Bollywood spectacles and even *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*?

Set in the Westernized, truly cosmopolitan city of Alexandria (which, as many have noted, Chahine films as a Côte d'Azur-like playground), the film stars Tunisian diva Latifa as a lightly fictionalized version of herself—an ultra-successful screen actress and singer. She's the beautiful Malak who falls under the sway of a charming gold digger, the penniless Lamei (Ahmed Wafik), who pretends to be a psychoanalyst in order to worm his way into her good graces. Meanwhile, Malak's no-nonsense mom is trying to set her granddaughter up with the radical intellectual son of her chauffeur...

"It's impossible not to be carried along by the hellzapoppin' high spirits... which like all the best comedies is leavened with a touch of sadness as Malak's regular screenwriter, heartbroken at her infatuation of the unsuitable Lamei, reveals his own adoration... The happy ending has all the buoyancy of a Shakespearean comedy. A treat."—Peter Bradshaw, *The Guardian*.

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**Egypt/ France, 2001, 108 min**

**Director** Youssef Chahine

**Producers** Humbert Balsan, Gabriel Khoury, Marianne Khoury

**Screenwriter** Youssef Chahine

**Cinematographer** Pierre Dupouey

**Editor** Rachida Abdel Salam, Tamer Ezzat, Annette Dutertre

**Music** Omar Khairat

**Cast** Latifa, Ahmed Bèdeir, Ahmed Wafik, Magda El Khattib, Zaki Abdel Wahab

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