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## **August**

Directed by Avi Mograbi

Produced in **Israel, 2002**

Running Time: **72m**

Format: **Beta SP video**

Genre: **Documentary**

Distributor: Avi Mograbi

From one of Israel's most political and humorous filmmakers comes a pointed snapshot of his country. The month of August is one of optimism and hope for many Israelis, including Mograbi's wife. However, for Mograbi himself, the month constitutes a metaphor for whatever is hateful in the state of Israel. In August 2001 the streets of Israel were filled with anger, frustration and fear. Determined to capture the current complexities of his homeland, Mograbi went into the streets of Israel with no script and no crew, but with a video camera, and captured on video more than he ever bargained for. Intercutting this footage with auditions he hosted for Israeli actresses to play the wife of the Israeli physician responsible for the massacre in Hebron in 1994, August becomes a chilling portrait of the emotional state of Israel today.