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I Am Neda Screens at International Film Festivals

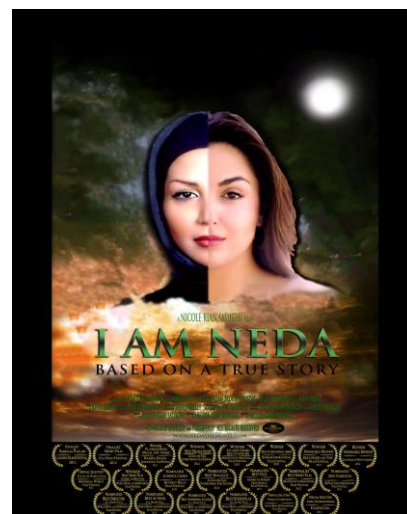
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LOS ANGELES — Following its Remi Award win at the 45th Houston International Film Festival, *I Am Neda* was selected for screening at the 12th Beverly Hills Film Festival. The 21-minute dramatic short film was written, directed by and stars Nicole Kian Sadighi.

The film portrays part of the life of Neda Agha-Soltan, whose death became an international symbol of the Iranian people's struggle for freedom. Nicole Sadighi portrays Neda, while Mary Apick plays her mother.

Speaking about the inspiration behind the project, Sadighi explained that she wanted to understand the young woman behind the iconic image seen around the world and bring that story to life.

“Neda became a universal symbol whose story continues to resonate with audiences around the world.”

By the time of its Beverly Hills screening, *I Am Neda* had already been selected by more than eight international film festivals, including the Montreal World Film Festival and the Freedom of Expression Film Festival, earning two major awards.

Mary Apick praised the project for highlighting women's rights and broader human-rights issues through cinema.

Sadighi concluded that Neda's legacy had become comparable to other enduring symbols of freedom, expressing her hope that international film festivals would continue carrying Neda's story to audiences around the world.

“Neda became a universal symbol of courage whose story continues to resonate with audiences around the world.”