

# MANIA AKBARI [b.1974, Tehran, Iran]



[www.maniaakbari.com](http://www.maniaakbari.com)

[info@maniaakbari.com](mailto:info@maniaakbari.com)

## FILMOGRAPHY

2023 How Dare You Have Such a Rubbish Wish 72'  
2021 Dear Elnaz 82'  
2020 Lubion 5'  
2019 A Moon For My Father 73'  
2014 Life May Be 80'  
2011 One.Two.One 79'  
2011 30 Minutes To 6 AM 53'  
2007 10+4 77'  
2004 20 Fingers 70'  
2005 Six Video Arts 30'  
2002 Crystal 45'

## CAREER RETROSPECTIVE

2018 Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham, UK  
2016 Cambridge Arts Picturehouse, Cambridge, UK  
2014 Cyprus Film Days International Film Festival, Nicosia, Cyprus  
2014 Sderot International Film Festival, Sderot, Israel  
2014 Danish Film Institute, DFI, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2013 Oldenburg Film Festival, Oldenburg, Germany  
2013 With Love from Tehran, BFI, London, UK  
2012 BBC Persian, London, UK

## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

2019 Winner New:Vision Award, CPH:DOX, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2019 Winner FIPRESCI International Critics Award, Flying Broom Festival, Ankara, Turkey  
2019 SPECIAL MENTION, 17th International Festival Signs of the Night in Bangkok  
2014 Nominated for Grand Prix, T-Mobile New Horizons Film Festival, Poland  
2014 Nominated for Grand Prix, Fribourg International Film Festival, Switzerland  
2014 Winner of The Don Quixote Award Fribourg International Film Festival, Switzerland  
2014 Nominated for The Best Documentary, Edinburgh International Film Festival, UK  
2013 Winner of German Independence Honorary Award, Oldenburg International Festival  
2012 Nominated Grand Prix, Fribourg International Film Festival, Switzerland  
2012 Nominated Best International Film, Edinburgh Film Festival, Edinburgh, UK  
2008 Nominated New Talent Award, Hong Kong Asian Film Festival, Hong Kong, China  
2008 Winner Best Film, L'Alternativa, Festival de Cinema Independent de Barcelona  
2008 Spain Winner Best Actress, Festival de Cinema Independent de Barcelona, Spain  
2008 Winner Special Honor Prize, Filmmor International Film Festival, Istanbul, Turkey  
2007 Winner Best Film, International Film Festival of Kerala, Kerala, India  
2007 Winner Best Director, International Film Festival of Kerala, Kerala  
2007 India Winner Young Public Award, Nantes Three Continents Festival, France  
2007 Nominated Golden Montgolfiere, Nantes Three Continents Festival, France  
2005 Nominated New Talent Award, Hong Kong Asian Film Festival, Hong Kong, China  
2005 Winner Most Innovative Film Award, Wine Country International Film Festival, USA  
2005 Winner Best Director, Digital International Section, Barcelona Film Festival, Spain  
2005 Winner Best Actress, Digital International Section, Barcelona Film Festival, Spain  
2005 Winner Special Mention, Femina International Women's Film Festival, Brazil  
2004 Winner Grand Jury Prize Spirit of Freedom, Bahamas International Festival  
2004 Winner Best Feature Film, Digital Section, Venice International Film Festival

## TALKS AND MASTERCLASSES

2023 Paneltalk- How Iranian Cinema Promotes Patriarchal Gaze/ Before and after the revolution at Goldsmiths.  
2023 Masterclass and talk for MA Ethnographic and Documentary Film students at UCL university  
2023 Paneltalk at CinemaTeket DFI, Denmark.  
2023 Masterclass at School of Fine Art | The Glasgow School of Art "how film and moving image has been utilised by artists and activists".  
2019 Masterclass at CineMigrante  
2019 On Body And Artistic Creation- Master Class with Mania Akbari Odesa International Film Festival.  
2019 «Women on screen and behind the screen» Panel discussion by Odesa International Film Festival and UN Women Ukraine.  
2019 Panel Talk with Peter Bradshaw at Barbican  
2019 Master class Mania Akbari at the 59th Krakow Film Festival  
2019 Goldsmiths University, Centre for Feminist Research, Masterclass with Mania Akbari  
2019 Goldsmiths University, Body as Political Emblem, Artist Talk and Workshop Between Mania Akbari & Eyal Weizman.  
2019 CPH:DOX Forum, First-person Storytelling with Mia Engberg & Mania Akbari  
2019 CPH:DOX Academy, Creating Art from Private Experience, Workshop  
2018 Central Saint Martins, Artist Talk and Workshop  
2018 British Museum, Exploring Female Body Politics on Screen, Roundtable Discussion

## TALKS AND MASTERCLASSES

2018 Port Eliot Literary Festival The Female Gaze, with Hope Dickson Leach  
2017 Open City Festival The Body Politic, with Sophie Mayer  
2017 BFI Future Film Festival, Masterclass with Mania Akbari  
2016 Ashkan Alwan, Beirut, A Body's Memory Artist Talk  
2016 Ashkan Alwan, Beirut, Poeticising the Everyday, Seminar and Workshop  
2016 Whitechapel Gallery, London, Political Animals: 21st Century Feminist Cinema  
2016 UCL Slade MA Course, Artist Talk and Workshop with Douglas White  
2016 Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art, Oxford, Artist Talk with Douglas White  
2015 Asia House, London, EVOLUTION Exhibition Symposium  
2014 Global Thinker's Forum, "Gender equality priorities MENA region, Symposium

## FESTIVALS AND SCREENINGS

### How Dare You Have Such a Rubbish Wish (2022)

2023 45e Festival International de Films de Femmes de Créteil  
2023 Barbican, London  
2023 Woman's International Day in Amsterdam  
2023 Human International Film Festival in Oslo- Norway  
2023 WhiteChapel Gallery, London  
2023 DocPoint Film Festival, Helsinki  
2023 Gothenburg Film Festival, Sweden  
2023 Black Movie Film Festival  
2023 CinemaTeket Denmark DFI  
2023 POFF Film Festival  
2022 IDFA Film Festival

### A Moon For My Father (2019)

2020 Female Eye Film Festival, Toronto  
2019 Block Museum, Chicago  
2019 REDCAT, Los Angeles,  
2019 University of California Santa Cru,  
2019 Miradasdoc, Tenerife, University of Aberdeen,  
2019 MIEFF, Moscow  
2019 NYU, New York  
2019 43rd Göteborg Film Festival  
2019 OVNI, Nice,  
2019 WOLF Cinema, Berlin  
2019 17th International Film Festival TORUN, Poland,  
2019 43<sup>a</sup> Mostra Sao Paulo, Brazil  
2019 19<sup>a</sup> DocLisboa, Portugal  
2019 DOKUARTS at the German Historical Museum in Berlin,  
2019 CINEMONDES, Berck-sur-Mer, France,  
2019 48th Montreal Festival du Nouveau Cinema, Canada  
2019 The 17th Internationale Festival Signs of the Night, Paris  
2016 38th Women's Film Festival, Créteil, France  
2015 New Horizons International Film Festival, Wroclaw, Poland  
2015 Open City Documentary Film Festival, London, UK  
2015 Gothenburg International Film Festival, Gothenburg, Sweden  
2015 Tempo Documentary Festival, Stockholm, Sweden  
2015 Epos International Art Film Festival, Tel Aviv, Israel  
2015 Vilnius International Film Festival, Kino Pavasaris, Vilnius, Lithuania  
2015 Hong Kong International Film Festival, Hong Kong, China  
2019 Barbican Centre, London, UK  
2019 ICA, London, 15-19 Jun & 22 Jun  
2019 CPH:DOX, Copenhagen, Denmark  
2019 Odessa Film Festival, Kyiv, Ukraine  
2019 59th Krakow Film Festival Poland  
2019 Essay Film Festival, ICA, London, UK  
2019 Kerala International Doc Film Festival India  
2019 22. International Flying Broom Women's Ankara Film Festival

### Dear Elnaz (2021)

2021 Screening at Barbican, London  
2021 IDFA Film Festival, Amsterdam  
2021 HOTDOC CANADA  
2021 DOXHOT Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada  
2021 Sheffield Documentary International Film Festival, UK

### Lubion (2020)

2021 Matt's Gallery in London, Lubion by Mania Akbari and Douglas White  
2020 CASABLANCA International Video Film Festival  
2020 Solo Exhibition at VO Curations

### Life May Be (2014)

2019 CINEMONDES, Berck-sur-Mer, France  
2019 Female Gaze at Metro Cinema in Edmonton  
2016 Life May Be & Iranian Cuisine, Belfast  
2016, 38th Women's Film Festival, France  
2015 New Horizons International Film Festival, Poland  
2015 Gothenburg International Film Festival, Sweden  
2015 Tempo Documentary Festival, Sweden  
2015 Epos International Art Film Festival, Israel  
2015 Vilnius International Film Festival, Kino Pavasaris, Lithuania  
2015 Hong Kong International Film Festival, Hong Kong  
2015 Fribourg International Film Festival, Switzerland  
2015 Cinema Minimum Neuchatel, Switzerland  
2015 Middle East Now Festival, Italy  
2015 Buenos Aires Festival Inter de Cine Independiente, Argentina  
2015 Docaviv Tel Aviv International Documentary Film Festival  
2015 Movies and Meanings, USA  
2015 Festival Signes de Nuit, France  
2015 Atlanta Film Festival, USA  
2015 Traverse City Film Festival, USA  
2014 Dokufest International Documentary and Short Film Festival, Kosovo  
2014 Helsinki International Film Festival, Finland  
2014 Kaunas International Film Festival, Lithuania  
2014 Beirut International Film Festival, Lebanon  
2014 Astra Film Festival, Lebanon  
2014 Sao Paulo International Film Festival, Mostra, Brazil  
2014 Torino Film Festival, Italy  
2014 Brisbane Asia Pacific Film Festival, Australia  
2014 Karlovy Vary International Film Festival  
2014 Edinburgh International Film Festival

## FESTIVALS AND SCREENINGS

### One.Two.One. (2011)

2016 Sheffield University, Sheffield, UK  
2016 Liverpool Small Cinema, Liverpool, UK  
2016 SunScreen is GlassEye's arthouse/independent night, London, UK  
2016 Tirgan Iranian Film Festival, Toronto, Canada  
2013 Museum Fine Art, Boston, USA  
2013 Elles Tournent" International Film Festival, Brussels, Belgium  
2013 Edinburgh International Film Festival, Edinburgh, UK  
2012 Fribourg International Film Festival, Fribourg, Switzerland  
2012 Izmir International Film Festival, Izmir, Turkey  
2012 Femme, Cinéaste, Iranienne 3 films de Mania Akbari, en exclusivité dès le, Swiss  
2012 Gene Sickle Film Center, USA  
2012 Sao Paulo Int'l Film Festival, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
2012 Denver Film Society, Denver, USA  
2012 Goa Int'l Film Festival, Goa, India

### 10+4. (2008)

2019 Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK 2017 Close Up Cinema, London, UK  
2015 Centre Pompidou, Paris, France  
2014 Nouvel Odéon (Cinéma), Paris, France  
2012 SOAS university, London, UK  
2011 Taipei Film House, Taipei, Taiwan  
2010 Les Rencontres du Cinema Documentaire, Paris, France  
2009 Atmosphere 53/Reflets du Cinéma Film Festival, Paris, France  
2009 Centro Espressioni Cinematografiche, Rome, Italy  
2009 Scripps College Humanities Institute, New York, USA  
2008 Kuala Lumpur Int'l Film Festival, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
2008 Filmer a Tout Prix, Brussels, Belgium  
2008 Alternative, Festival de Cinema Independent de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain  
2008 Carthage Int'l Film Festival, Carthage, Tunisia  
2008 Arginmex Int'l Film Festival, Mexico  
2008 Sao Paulo Int'l Film Festival, Sao paulo, Brazil  
2008 Iranian Film Festival, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2008 Ourense Int'l Film Festival, Ourense, Spain  
2008 Hong Kong Asian Film Festival, Hong Kong, China  
2008 Films from the South, Oslo, Norway  
2008 Barcelona Film Festival, Barcelona, Spain  
2008 Festival Int'l de Cinema Feminin, Brazil  
2008 Red Cat, Los Angeles, USA  
2008 San Francisco Int'l Film Festival, San Francisco, USA  
2008 L'ACID, Cannes International Film Festival, Cannes, France  
2008 Flying Broom Int'l Film Festival, Ankara, Turkey  
2008 Buenos Aires Int'l Film Festival  
2008 Tetouan Film Festival, Tetouan, Morocco  
2008 Alwan Film Festival, NY, USA  
2008 Cinema Novo Festival, Brussels, Belgium  
2008 Cleveland Film Society, Cleveland, USA  
2008 Istanbul Int'l Film Festival, Istanbul, Turkey Gothenburg Int'l Film Festival,  
2008 Gothenburg, Sweden Rencounters Cinema de Manosque, Manosque, France  
2007 Int'l Film Festival of Kerala, Kerala, India Festival 3 Continents, Nantes, France  
2007 Museum Fine Art Boston, Boston, USA Chicago Int'l F.F. Chicago, USA  
2007 Pusan Int'l F.F. Pusan, Korea  
2007 Vancouver Int'l Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada  
2007 San Sebastian Int'l Film Festival, Bilbao, Spain

### Crystal (2002)

2004 BBC Screening  
2004 International Tribeca film festival, USA

## TV SCREENINGS

2012 BBC Persia, 20 Fingers, Crystal, 10+4, One.Two.One, 30 min to 6, UK  
2012 Channel 4, 20 Fingers, 10+4, France  
2010 Channel 4, 20 Fingers, 10+4, UK 2008 Arte, France

### 20 Fingers (2004)

2014 Nouvel Odéon (Cinéma), Paris, France  
2011 Taipei Film House, Taipei, Taiwan  
2010 Les Rencontres du cinema documentaire, Paris, France  
2009 Centro Esperssioni Cinematografiche, Rome, Italy  
2008 Rencontres Cinema de Manosque, Manosque, France  
2007 La Rochelle Int'l Film Festival, Paris, France  
2006 Iranian Film Festival, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
2006 Syracuse Int'l Film Festival, NY, USA  
2006 Dhaka Int'l Film Festival, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
2005 Black Nights Int'l Film Festival, Tallinn, Estonia  
2005 Dameshug Int'l Film Festival, Damascus, Syria  
2005 Hong Kong Asian Film Festival, Hong Kong, China  
2005 Wine Country Int'l Film Festival, California, USA  
2005 High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Atlanta, USA  
2005 New Horizon Int'l Film Festival, Wroclaw, Poland  
2005 Digital Int'l Barcelona Film Festival, Barcelona, Spain  
2005 Femina Int'l Women's Film Festival, Brazil  
2005 Lying Broom Int'l Film Festival, Istanbul, Turkey  
2005 Cinema Panora-Folkets Bio Malmo, Sweden  
2005 Kino Otok Isola Cinema, Slovenia  
2005 Nashville Film Festival, USA  
2005 Newport Beach Film Festival, USA  
2005 Int'l Women's Film Festival, Seoul, Korea  
2005 Tiburon Int'l Film Festival, USA  
2005 Buenos Aires Film Festival, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
2005 California Institute of the Art, California, USA  
2005 Int'l Women's Film Festival Gender Institute, USA  
2005 Istanbul Int'l Film Festival, Turkey  
2005 Amnesty Int'l USA Film Festival, Washington, USA  
2005 Bahamas Int'l Film Festival, Bahamas, USA  
2005 Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Boston, USA  
2005 International Film Festival, India  
2005 Stockholm Film Festival, Stockholm, Sweden  
2005 High Falls Film Festival, USA  
2005 AFI Film Festival, USA  
2005 Gijon Int'l Film Festival, Spain  
2005 Sao Paulo Film Festival, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
2005 Human Rights Film Festival, Spain  
2005 Vancouver Film Festival, Vancouver, Canada  
2005 Venice Film Festival, Venice, Italy  
2004 Rotterdam Int'l Film Festival, Rotterdam, Netherlands  
2004 Human Rights Film Festival, Zagreb, Croatia

### 6Videoarts (2005)

2009 Royal College of Art, Video Arts called Self and Sin, London  
2009 Exhibition in the Calendidonna Festival, Udine, Italy,  
2008 Xerex Gallery, London, UK  
2007 Tate Modern, "Video Art called Self", London, UK  
2006 Iranian Group Exhibition, Rome, Italy  
2005 The exhibition, Locarno International Film Festival, Switzerland  
2005 15th Video Brazil, Video arts called Self, Sin, Sao Paolo, Brazil  
2005 The exhibition, City of Women International Film Festival, Slovenia  
2005 The exhibition, Peru International Film Festival, Peru  
2005 The exhibition, Salento International Film Festival, Italy  
2005 The exhibition, High Falls International Film Festival, NY, USA  
2005 The exhibition, Gijon International Film Festival, Spain,  
2005 The exhibition, Kakhe Niyavaran, Niyavaran Place Gallery, Tehran, Iran

## MUSEUM AND GALLERY

2021 Matt's Gallery, Lubion by Mania Akbari and Douglas White, – London  
2019 Solo Exhibition at VO Curations, Mr Majidi and the Electricity Box, – London  
2019 Curating "Body Politics" at Whitechapel Gallery – London  
2019 Lubion Group Exhibition at Studio Gallery BWA, Wroclaw – Poland  
2019 10+4 Screening at WhitechapelGallery – London  
2018 Group Exhibition "FROM AFAR" at Malta Contemporary Art, Life May Be-Malta, 2018 Nottingham Contemporary Gallery, "Enraciné2- Short film"  
2018 Annelly Juda Fine Art Gallery, "Enraciné2- Short film"  
2016 Exhibition, Whitechapel Gallery, "In My Country Men Have Breasts" – London  
2015 Museum Centre Pompidou, "10+4", Paris – France  
2015 Ankara Museum Contemporary Art, Flying Broom International Women's Film Festival, "Life May Be"- Turkey  
2016 Screening at Centre de Cultura Contemporanea de Barcelona, "In My Country Men Have Breasts" – Spain  
2013 Museum of Fine Art Boston, "One, Two, One" – USA, 2013 Museum of Fine Art Boston, "10+4" – USA  
2009 Royal College of Art, "Video Arts called Self and Sin" – London  
2009 Exhibition in the Calendidonna Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Udine, Italy  
2008 Xerex Gallery, "6 Video Arts" – London  
2007 Tate Modern, "Video Art called Self" – London  
2006 Iranian Group Exhibition, "6 Video Arts" – Rome, Italy  
2005 Exhibition, Locarno International Film Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Switzerland  
2005 15th Video Brazil, "Video arts called Self, Sin" – Saopaulo – Brazil  
2005 Exhibition, City of Women international Film Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Slovenia,  
2005 Exhibition, Peru International Film Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Peru  
2005 Exhibition, Salento International Film Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Italy  
2005 Exhibition, High Falls International Film Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Rochester, NY, USA  
2005 Exhibition, Gijon International Film Festival, "6 Video Arts" – Spain  
2004 Exhibition, Kakhe Niyavaran, Niyavaran Place Gallery, "6 Video Arts" – Tehran, Iran

## SELECTED INTERVIEWS AND REVIEWS

How Dare You Have Such A Rubbish Wish': IDFA Review by Neil Young  
How Dare You Have Such A Rubbish Wish': Sight & Sound  
Review BY Carmen Gray Cinematologists  
Interview by Neil, Dario and guest presenter Mark Jenkin  
Interview by Take one, Arts Picturehouse in Cambridge Cinematologists  
Interview by Nick Bradshaw, Mania Akbari on Close-up  
A Body's Memory – Public lecture with Mania Akbari  
Poeticising the everyday – Seminar with Mania Akbari  
Barbican podcast Interview  
FT Interview By Peter Aspden  
Channel1 Fred Interview podcast  
Guardian Interview by Tom Seymour  
BFI season Interview by MJ Edwards  
RFI Interview by Shahla Rostami  
Louisiana Channel Interview by Marc-Christoph Wagner  
Filmmaker Interviews, by Taylor Hess  
FRI Persian Interview by Shahla Rostami  
Ostan Vier Persiane Interview by Mohammad Abdi  
The list film Edinburg International Film Festival Interview  
Interview by Dorna Khazeni  
Interview by Bruno Chatelin  
A Moon for My Father" Lands in Cinemas.  
The Guardian by Peter Bradshaw " A Moon for My Father".  
It Felt Like Love: A celebration of 50 great female filmmakers by  
Jacob Brookman  
Little White Lies magazine 100 Great Movies by Female Directors  
Cinema de Buteco Review by Dear Een  
Take One Review by Jack Toyé  
Guardian Review by Andrew Pulver  
Cinvue Review by D.W. Mault, Special Features  
FT Review by Peter Aspden  
Evening Standard by Steve Morrissey  
Babylon London Orbital by Sybille  
Goteborg Daily by Mehrdad Shahabi  
Kosovo Review by Jon Buckland  
The Hollywood Reporter Review by Neil Young  
Alt Film Guide Review by Andre Soares  
FT Interview By Peter Aspden  
6 Pillars BFI Retrospective Review SIXPILLARSTOPERSIA Elvant  
TV Interview BFI Interview for retrospective  
BBC Persian Interview  
Deutschlandradio Kultur Interview by Von Ferial Kasmai BBC Radio 4, BFI season,  
Interview by Dame Jenny Mori Interview by FFrukit  
Cinemas Online Review by Dave Lancaster  
Film Comment by Rahul Hamid The F Word Review by Ania Ostrowska  
Review by Andrew R. Hill  
The F Word Review by L W Yates  
Review by Sahla Azizi  
30Bird Review by Mehrdad Seyf  
Review By Frankco Lamerikx  
Variety Review by Deborah Young Combustible cellul By Jeffrey M. Anderson  
\* The Skinny Review by Josh Slater-Williams Sound on Sight Review by Josh Slater