

FILM: MONSIEUR LAZHAR



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Director: **Philippe Falardeau**

Writer: **Philippe Falardeau**

Year of Production: **2011**

Original language: **French**

Subtitles: **English, Greek**

FILM SYNOPSIS

Monsieur Lazhar is a 2011 Canadian French-language drama film directed by Philippe Falardeau. At a Montréal public grade school, an Algerian immigrant is hired to replace a popular teacher who committed suicide in her classroom. While helping his students deal with their grief, his own recent loss is revealed.

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS

GREEK FOCUS GROUP FEEDBACK ON MONSIEUR LAZHAR

"Monsieur Lazhar reflects upon quite a lot of known but also not so obvious dimensions of migration, refugees and asylum seekers with its complex plot and the parallel traumas of the Mr Lazhar and his students: loss, trauma, suffering, grief, depression, agony, guilt, exile, acceptance, adaptability, altruism, solidarity, justice, equality, cultural and social interaction, identification with universal humanistic values. Through the sophisticated character of Mr. Lazhar, we observe how deep traumas and negative personal and social experiences can be healed and transformed to creative and stimulating actions"

"Bachir Lazhar has left his country Algeria and moved to Montreal where he started working as a teacher. Mr. Lazhar managed to get integrated into the new society in a successful way and furthermore he helps his pupils to overcome a shock after the suicide of their old teacher. He is a man of courage"

FILM TRAILER LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjNCkxT-xE>

Film available to buy on DVD