

SYNOPSIS

Algiers, the winter of 2003. Three women, a mother, her daughter and a prostitute have been living in a hotel in the centre of town since the start of the violence.

Goucem, the daughter, has made an emancipated life for herself, working for a photographer, taking a generous, married lover and spending steamy weekends in nightclubs. Fifi, her faithful friend, prostitutes herself, under the thumb of a powerful and "kind" protector.

Papicha, the mother, eats pizzas in front of the TV, torn between fear and the nostalgia of her former fame as a cabaret dancer.

And even if death is constantly and insidiously on their doorstep, they resolutely refuse to give up the fight!

Lubna Azabal Goucem • Biyouna Papicha • Nadia Kaci Fifi • Lounès Tazairt Doctor Sassi • Abbes Zahmani Chouchou Akim Isker Yacine Sassi • Jalil Naciri Samir • Lynda Harchaoui Tiziri

Screenplay **Nadir Moknèche** • Original Music **Pierre Bastaroli** • Director of Photography **Jean-Claude Larrieu (AFC)** Editing **Ludo Troch** • Sound Engineer **Daniel Ollivier** • Production Designer **Jacques Bufnoir** Producers **Sunday Morning Productions (Bertrand Gore, Nathalie Mesuret)** • Co-producers **Arte France Cinéma, Need Productions (Denis Delcampe), BL Prod (Lotfi Bouchouchi), Gimages Films** • In association with **Sogecinéma, Natexis Banques Populaires Images 3** • With the participation of **Ciné-Cinéma, Centre National de la Cinématographie, Région Ile-De-France, Ministère des Affaires Étrangères ADC Sud** • With the support of **Centre National de l'audio-visuel de la Communauté Française de Belgique et des Télédistributeurs Wallons, Direction Générale de la Coopération au Développement (Belgique), Commissariat Algérien de L'Année de l'Algérie en France, Ministère de la Communication et de la Culture Algérien, Programme Média de l'Union Européenne**