



## 'Tatsumi,' 'Habibi' Take Dubai Festival Honors

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### Jafar Panahi's "This Is Not A Film" wins documentary prize as 8th Dubai International Film Festival.

COLOGNE, Germany -- **Eric Khoo's** *Tatsumi* won best film in the Muhr AsiaAfrica competition and at this year's Dubai International Film Festival (Dec 7-14), while **Susan Youssef's** *Habibi* took best film in the Muhr Arab section.

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*Tatsumi*, an animated biography of Japanese manga artist **Yoshihiro Tatsumi**, is South Korea's official entry for next year's foreign language Oscar race. The film also won the best opener prize in Dubai for Khoo's teenage son, Christopher.

Other multiple award winners in Dubai were *The Last Friday*, directed by **Yahya Alabdallah**; **Hakim Belabbes'** *Boiling Pans*; Japanese comedy *The Woodsman And The Rain* from **Shuichi Okita** and another foreign language Oscar hopeful, Turkish crime drama *Once Upon A Time In Anatolia* from **Nuri Bilge Ceylan**. German holiday film *When Santa Fell To Earth* won the people's choice award.

It could be seen as a political gesture, Dubai's jury gave first in its Muhr AsiaAfrica Documentary section to *This Is Not a Film*, the doc Iranian director **Jafar Panahi** shot in secret on an Iranian boat while under house arrest for alleged anti-government activities.

The eighth addition of the Dubai fest was by far the largest, opening with the world premiere of **Tom Cruise**-starrer *Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol* and featuring such VIPs as

German director **Werner Herzog**, who won a lifetime achievement honor, and Bollywood stars **Shah Rukh Khan** and **Priyanka Chopra**.

Find a full list of winners [here \(http://www.dubaifilmfest.com/index.php/en/diff-2011/2011-winners\)](http://www.dubaifilmfest.com/index.php/en/diff-2011/2011-winners).

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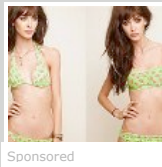
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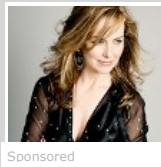
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