

Veils Uncovered **Veils, lingerie and the meaning of life**

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Toronto: March 21, 2002: First time filmmaker Nora Kevorkian takes you behind the veils and under the burka of the women of Damascus in her documentary entitled *Veils Uncovered*. The 27-minute film explores the sexuality of the veiled women of Damascus, Syria, many of whom, beneath their all-covering burka wear some of the kinkiest lingerie imagined. In *Veils Uncovered*, Ms. Kevorkian introduces the viewer to a group of women who take us into the Al Hamidiyya public market to bargain for lingerie like crotch-less panties, g-strings and underwear with music and blinking lights and embroidered cartoon characters sold of course by men and boys.

Veils Uncovered documents the reality of the sexual competition the women of Damascus live with everyday where, in a culture of polygamy, they jockey for the lead favour of their husbands. It is a personal account of the unexplored sexual world of the women behind the veil.

Veils Uncovered was filmed by Nora Kevorkian between August and September 11, 2001. It is in Arabic with English subtitles. Ms. Kevorkian is also the writer and singer of the hauntingly beautiful songs “Sham” and “Farewell, Women of Damascus” which underscore the images. The film was edited by Chris Remerowski and sound edited by Spence Thomas Audio Post.

Ms. Kevorkian emigrated to Canada in her late teens from Lebanon. She lives in Toronto.

Veils Uncovered will premiere at Yukon’s, Dawson city International Short Film Festival, March 29 – 31, 2002 and at Toronto’s ReelWorld Film Festival (April 4 – 8, 2002: SilverCity at Empress Walk).

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