



“NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT PERSIAN CATS”

Directed by Bahman Ghobadi

IRAN 2009, 101 mins

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“No One Knows About Persian Cats” - the title speaks for itself. Persian cats are valuable, beautiful and rare everywhere in the world, except in Persia itself. In this movie the Persian cats are young, incredibly talented Iranian musicians, innocent kids fighting with religion, police, and the government, just to play music. Iranian director Bahman Ghobadi shows us a vivid glimpse of the everyday life-struggles that musicians in Iran go through. For me, as an Iranian filmmaker and artist who’s lived in Iran almost all my life, scenes in this movie are chapters from my memories. They portray a topic that’s lost in the political controversies about Iran. No one talks or thinks about how the freedom to make music and art are being affected. But Ghobadi puts us in the shoes of strong brave musicians who stand up for their rights, for their freedom, and who fight back with their songs.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present this incredibly timely film as part of our VFS @ the Museum 2011 Film Series, held the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of every month through December 6 at the Museum of Ventura County’s Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Pavilion, 100 E. Main Street, Downtown Ventura. For advance tickets & information –www.venturafilmsociety.com / 805-628-2299.

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