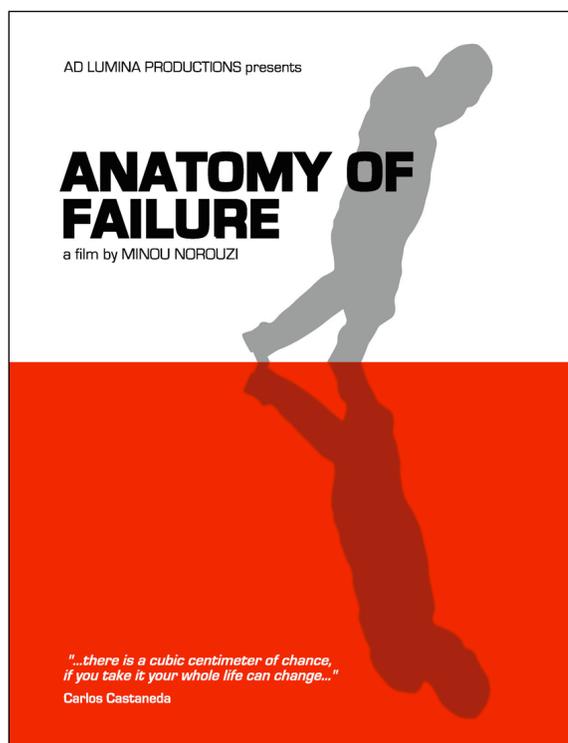


ANATOMY OF FAILURE

WORLD PREMIERE

Director: Minou Norouzi
Austria / UK / USA, 2008, 53 min
Format: DigiBeta
Festival Edition: 2008
Category: Documentary



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synopsis

Carlos Castaneda, sixties author and 'celebrated godfather of New Age' died in his Los Angeles home in 1998. Five women forming his 'harem' disappeared within days.

In 2004, bones are found at the edge of Death Valley belonging to one of the disappeared women. In a series of Californian road trips, filmmaker Minou Norouzi reflects on what the women's obsession with Castaneda may have been and begins to wonder if her own life isn't mirroring theirs. She meets a concoction of Castaneda associates who are all invested in telling her about Castaneda, whilst the story of the women remains in shadow.

biography

Austrian/Iranian filmmaker, Minou Norouzi lives and works in London. She received her BA in 1995 from University of the Arts London majoring in cinematography & documentary production and her MA in 2007 from Goldsmiths, University of London.

She has worked in documentary productions for Channel 4, ITV, BBC2 and CBC. Her single-channel video works have been exhibited in galleries and at festivals internationally. 'Anatomy of Failure' is her first full-length documentary film.

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- Anatomy of Failure, 2008
- u never asked to be my mountain, 2007
- Sitting is Believing, 2007
- Sich selbst vis-a-vis (Ones self vis-à-vis), 2006
- Imago, 2006
- Limb from Limb, 2006
- Glass Shrimp, 2003
- Home Truth, 2002
- Back to Basics, 2002
- Millennium Meantime, 1999
- Memories of a dream past, 1995

festivals

Hot Docs (Toronto), Hull International Short Film Festival (UK), Les Instants Video (Marseille), D-Neff (Vitoria), Kanks Video Festival (Moscow), Exis 07 (Seoul), Bandits Mages Art Video & Multimedia (Bourges), 700IS (Iceland), Videoformes (Clermont-Ferrant), Boston Underground Film Festival, Clermont-Ferrand Short Film Market, Tirana International Film Festival (Albania), Non Grata Film & Video Festival (Estonia), Xperimental 5 Film & Animation Festival (Greece), Intermix 06 (Leeds), Unimovie Int. Competition of Arts & Experimental Video (Italy)