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It is with immense pride and excitement that the Romedia Foundation announces that its latest film *Uprooted* has been nominated for an award at the 8th Aljazeera International Documentary Film Festival on April 19-22 in Doha, Qatar.



From over a thousand entries, *Uprooted* was the only Hungarian film chosen among 46 films competing in the short film category. At a press conference on Tuesday 13th March, Mr Abbas Arnaout, director of the festival, revealed the <u>confirmed line-up</u>.

Going back and forth between Germany and Kosovo, *Uprooted* brings the voice of Romani youths into the debate on immigration in Europe.

In October 2010, Chancellor Angela Merkel declared that attempts to build a multicultural society in Germany have "utterly failed". From the perspective of children like Anita, Sedat and Nasmija, born and raised in Germany by parents

who had fled Kosovo in the 1990s, the statement makes no sense. For them, there is no question: they are German.

Uprooted was premiered on September 29, 2011, during prime time on RTK (Radio Televizioni i Kosoves). Its US premiere was on Link TV earlier this month and it is soon to be broadcast in the UK on the Community Channel.

Uprooted teaser AVAILABLE HERE

Aljazeera has been striving to show the world from fresh, unheard angles and it is a great honor to have been selected to present the rarely documented Romani perspective.

Executive director of the Romedia Foundation, film director Katalin Bársony is the first Romani director to be nominated for an award at this festival.

This is great recognition for all of our hard work. We would like to sincerely thank all friends and colleagues in Germany, Hungary and Kosovo who supported the production of the film.

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