

Cannes 2025 Announcement Starship Entertainment Unveils Film Adaptation of Acclaimed Play "Heaven Opens Its Doors Late"



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Starship Entertainment Acquires Acclaimed Iraqi Play for Feature Film Adaptation

Writer-Director Yasir Alyasiri to Bring "Heaven Opens Its Doors Late" to the Big Screen

UAE-based production house **Starship Entertainment** is proud to announce the acquisition of the theatrical rights to the celebrated Iraqi stage play **Heaven") "???????? ???? ????? ???? ?????"** **Opens Its Doors Late"**), with plans to develop it into a feature-length film written and directed by acclaimed filmmaker **Yasir Alyasiri**.

The announcement is being made during the **2025 Cannes Film Festival**, where Starship Entertainment is actively engaging with global partners to shape the project's next phase of development and international rollout.

Originally written by renowned Iraqi playwright **Falah Shaker**, the play was first brought to life on stage

by acclaimed director **Muhsin Al Ali**, who also produced the original theatrical production. *Heaven Opens Its Doors Late* is a haunting, philosophical drama that explores the psychological aftermath of captivity, memory, and fractured identity. With its deeply symbolic language and surreal tone, the work is regarded as a cornerstone of contemporary Iraqi theatre.

“This is more than just an adaptation,” says **Yasir Alyasiri**, whose directorial credits include *HWJN* (Red Sea Opening Film 2024) and *122* (the first Arab 4DX thriller). “It is a cinematic homage to a powerful story that speaks to our region’s trauma, resilience, and existential search for meaning.”

The project will also see the involvement of **The Iraqi Cinema Company**, founded by **Zaid F. Jawad**, joining as distributor—marking a collaborative effort to elevate Iraqi storytelling to a broader cinematic platform.

Starship Entertainment, founded by Alyasiri, continues its mission of developing high-end, emotionally resonant Arab stories with universal impact. The company is currently in talks with European co-producers and sales agents to further expand the film’s global reach.

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