

# OUR SUMMER IN TEHRAN

A Documentary Film By Justine Shapiro

## SYNOPSIS

In her Oscar nominated documentary, *Promises*, filmmaker Justine Shapiro took us into the lives of Palestinians and Israeli children in and around Jerusalem. Justine's new documentary, *Our Summer in Tehran*, transports us into the seldom seen realm of middle class family life in Iran transcending overt politics in favor of subtle, human, and often humorous moments.

Justine, a Jewish-American filmmaker and former host of the travel series *Globe Trekker*, takes her 6-year-old son Mateo with her to Tehran where they spend the summer with 3 families: a religious family with ties to the government; a modern, secular family; and a single mom who is an actress. When the Iranian government abruptly gives Justine and Mateo 48 hours to leave the country, promising relationships are severed.

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