

***“The Arabian Sights Film Festival Audience Award” for Best Film goes to the Algerian movie “Masquerades”***

In collaboration with the Embassy of Algeria in Washington, “Masquerades”, a movie by Algerian director Lyès Salem, was presented on October 16 and 17, 2009, at the 14<sup>th</sup> DC festival of Arab Film, “The Arabian Sights Film Festival”, held in the US capital from the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October. A reception open to the public followed the October 17<sup>th</sup> projection of “Masquerades”. Scheduled to be shown across the United States in 2010, the movie was greatly acclaimed by a mostly American audience and selected as the festival’s best production. With “The Arabian Sights Film Festival Award”, “Masquerades” is being recognized once again as a film festival’s best movie after being honored as best movie at the Dubai International Film Festival. “London River”, a movie by Algerian director Rachid Bouchareb, which gained an award at the Berlin Film Festival, was also shown at “The Arabian Sights Film Festival” and met with remarkable success.