

# Films about Women 2022-2024



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2024 Films

# *Jamala: Songs of Freedom* | VOA ORIGINAL



Singer-songwriter Jamala fled Ukraine with her family in the early hours of Russia's full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022. Jamala gained international fame after winning the 2016 Eurovision contest where she performed her politically charged song, "1944," about the year Russia deported Crimean Tatars to Central Asia, including her great-grandmother's family. Now Jamala is on another journey of activism as she raises money and awareness for her homeland while in exile.

*Jamala: Songs of Freedom* streams on VOA+ on 5/23/2024.

Year: 2024 | TRT (51:23)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A

# *Torn by War* | VOA ORIGINAL



Marina was born in Crimea and moved to St. Petersburg in 2014, where she later married a Russian. As tensions escalated between Ukraine and Russia, she found herself increasingly isolated as a Ukrainian. With the outbreak of war, her relationship with her husband is tested, and she struggles to imagine what the future will bring. Torn between her birthplace and her current home, what lies ahead for Marina?

*Torn by War* streams on VOA+ on 5/16/2024.

Year: 2024 | 15:11

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English, Russian

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A

# *Team Spirit* | VOA ORIGINAL



Meet Chelle, the pioneering coach in Fallon, Nevada, breaking barriers as the first female to lead a boys' varsity team. With her wife by her side, she's not only guided her players, including her sons, to consecutive state championships but has also redefined coaching norms. This documentary delves into Chelle's unique coaching style, highlighting her grit and passion. Witness how she empowers her team beyond the game. Join us as we explore Chelle's extraordinary journey and celebrate her inspiring impact on and off the field.

*Team Spirit* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 4/18/2024.

**Year: 2020 | TRT (09:31)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite**

**Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Fishy Compost* | VOA ORIGINAL



Victoria Pardo of Uruguay is trying to fight climate degradation through an innovative method that turns fish leftovers into high-quality compost. After she builds a successful facility, the local government asks her to leave, citing claims that a fishy smell is impacting tourism. Victoria is determined to continue her mission, even if it means starting over somewhere new.

*Fishy Compost* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 3/28/2024.

**Year: 2024 | TRT (21:10)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Spanish, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *Influence India* | VOA ORIGINAL



What mental health problems face young people building careers as influencers? This story follows Prarthana Prasad and Tarnnum Shaikh, two bright and creative content creators at home and at work. The topic of mental health in India's social media realm gained attention when Leena Nagwanshi, a young influencer, died by suicide in 2022. Hear from a mental health expert who explains the impact of searching for digital fame. See what it takes to get "liked," and why these influencers continue to share their lives with the world.

*Influence India* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 3/7/2024

**Year: 2024 | TRT (16:00)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Love in Transition* | VOA ORIGINAL



Jane of Ukraine and Love of Thailand fell hard for each other, unaware of the twists and turns to come. Jane underwent a gender transition from a man to a woman, months into their relationship. Love supported the change and moved with Jane to Kyiv. When Russia invades the country, the couple must decide where to go next. Sharing their complicated journey on social media, they navigate marriage and a new life as refugees—future unknown.

*Love in Transition* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 2/15/2024

**Year: 2024 | TRT (22:31)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English, Thai**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *In This Cage* | VOA ORIGINAL



Fariba Balouch's own suffering drove her to empower fellow Iranian women and girls in their fight for equality. The human rights advocate hails from Sistan and Baluchistan, Iran's poorest province, where nearly half of its 1.3 million people live below the poverty line. As an ethnic minority relegated to the fringes of society, the Baluch are systematically targeted by state violence, with women suffering double-fold. After leaving Iran two years ago, Fariba joined the "Woman, Life, Freedom" movement from London, more determined than ever to fight for a better life for Baluch women.

*In This Cage* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 11/30/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (28:50)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English, Farsi**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Painting through Pain* | VOA ORIGINAL



Solbi, a K-pop icon, encountered intense cyberbullying at the height of her career. In her distress, she sought refuge in painting, and became known as artist Kwon Jian. While the digital torment reshaped her personal life and career path, Kwon Jian aka Solbi found hope in making new art, driven by her desire to combat online negativity. Today, she continues to raise awareness of the impact cyberbullying has on mental health in South Korea, and around the world.

*Painting through Pain* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 11/23/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (17:42)**

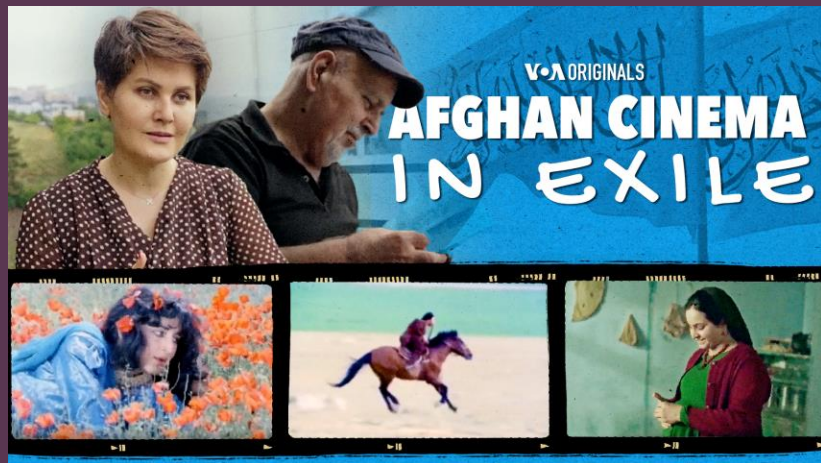
**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Korean, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Afghan Cinema in Exile* | VOA ORIGINAL



Acclaimed Afghan filmmakers Sahraa Karimi and Abdul Ahmadi, now living in exile in Europe, are striving to keep their national cinema alive. Karimi was the first woman to lead the state-owned film production company, Afghan Film, and continues to center strong Afghan women in her work, now more than ever. With a career spanning 50 years, Ahmadi witnessed first-hand how the industry transformed over a half-century of changing governments and is racing against time to preserve its history. Working from abroad in Slovakia and Germany, these directors share their challenges and their hopes for the future of cinema in Afghanistan.

*Afghan Cinema in Exile* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 11/9/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (20:33)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English, Pashto**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *I Do Care* | VOA ORIGINAL



On the night of February 27, 2015, journalist Zhanna Nemtsova's life was forever changed. Her father, Boris Nemtsov, a Russian politician and vocal critic of Vladimir Putin, was fatally shot near the Kremlin. In the wake of his assassination, Zhanna left the country to continue his legacy of free speech and democracy. Relocating to Germany, she founded the Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom to champion educational programs, including a journalism school for Russian-speaking students promoting critical thinking and a free press. As the Ukraine war began, her work to assist students from Ukraine became a lifeline, and this work is far from over.

*I Do Care* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 11/2/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (35:16)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# 2023 Films



# *A Lady Bus Conductor* | VOA ORIGINAL



Despite majoring in finance and economics, Christine Kangai has struggled to find work in her field—like many other university graduates in Kenya, particularly women. To make ends meet, she decides to take on a grueling and dangerous job, predominantly held by men. Follow a day in the life with Christine in her work as one of the few female bus conductors in Nairobi, Kenya.

*A Lady Bus Conductor* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 10/19/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (15:12)**

**Format: Documentary**

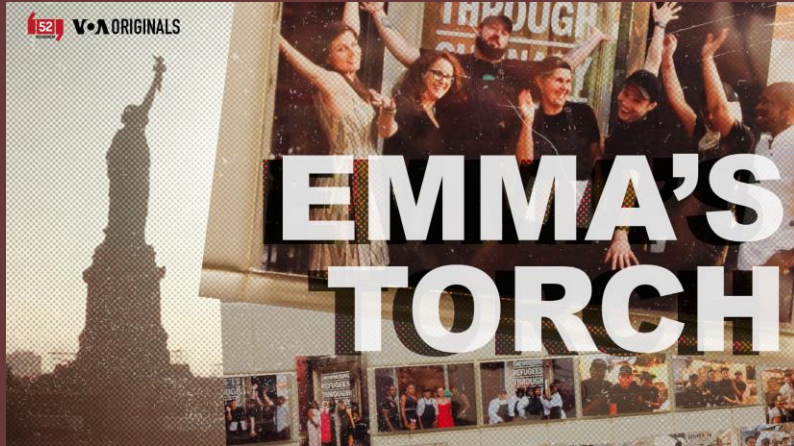
**Available Languages: English, Swahili**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# Emma's Torch | VOA ORIGINAL



What would you do if you had to find work in a new country, far from home? Emma's Torch, a New York-based non-profit, offers refugees and asylum seekers a chance to train in the culinary arts. Founder Kerrie Brodie, a daughter of Lithuanian immigrants, was inspired to provide those in need with a pathway to independence in America—through the restaurant industry. Meet Mazen and Rosette from Syria, Vanya from Ukraine, Jhack from Senegal and other graduates of the program who are building a future in food.

*Emma's Torch* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 09/14/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (14:01)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Eco Warriors of Africa* | VOA ORIGINAL



A terrestrial emergency is unfolding the world over, and Africa is particularly at risk. An exponential change in weather patterns and food sources has already hit communities across the continent, but ongoing climate change, deforestation, and land degradation could result in the extinction of species and have profound effects on people and the ecosystems they live in. Africa is the world's youngest continent, with 70 percent of its population under thirty. They face a bleak future, unless they act now—and these young “warriors” are answering the call.

*Eco Warriors of Africa* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 09/07/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (20:02)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Zoya, The First* | VOA ORIGINAL



Zoya Thomas Lobo, India's first transgender photojournalist, has earned international recognition but still struggles to support herself. India legally recognizes a third gender and banned discrimination against trans people. However, academic and employment discrimination remain a major hurdle for trans people nationwide, according to several reports from India's Human Rights Commission. Get to know Zoya from Mumbai and spend a few days with her as she lectures, photographs, begs, and blesses.

*Zoya, The First* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 8/31/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (14:18)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Hindi, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Olga's Search* | VOA ORIGINAL



Olga Streltsova, from the seaside city of Gelendzhik, Russia, is looking for her son, Artur, who disappeared in the war with Ukraine. Despite already being wounded in a previous operation with the Russian military, Artur was sent back to fight not long after surgery. In December 2022, he went missing in Vuhledar, Ukraine, and Olga remains desperate for answers. She undergoes a DNA test in case there is a match with one of the bodies in the military morgue. She also writes and sends hundreds of letters to the Ministry of Defense, Artur's military unit, and the President to no avail. Her last hope is to go to Ukraine and find him herself. But how?

*Olga's Search* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 8/24/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (16:20)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English, Russian**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# Pretty Loud Women | VOA ORIGINAL



The first all-female Roma rap band has a serious mission: to end early marriage for Roma girls. But Pretty Loud doesn't stop there. Well-known throughout the Balkans, the Serbian band also promotes university education and social integration for members of an ethnic group that is historically isolated. "Enough is enough," raps Pretty Loud.

*Pretty Loud Women* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 08/10/2023

Year: 2023 | TRT (13:50)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A



# Softball Warriors | VOA ORIGINAL



In the heart of southern Mexico’s sweltering jungle, a group of Indigenous Mayan women is starting a revolution through the game of softball. Maria Enedina Canul Poot and her teammates play barefoot, and in traditional Mayan clothing, going by the name “Las Amazonas.”

In their conservative community of Yaxunah, gender inequality is a constant presence, and playing softball is an act of rebellion. However, many men who were once critical of the players now show up to support the team. Las Amazonas are farmers, embroiderers, shepherds, and cooks—taking aim at Mexico’s macho culture and smashing stereotypes with every swing of the bat.

*Softball Warriors* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 08/10/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (12:27)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Spanish, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *Healing is a Right* | VOA ORIGINAL



In Indonesia, sexual violence is a taboo issue. But in a border city like Batam, cases of sex trafficking and sexual assault are some of the most numerous in the country. For 20-year-old Ria Febriyanti, defying that taboo is what drives her work at an NGO that assists women victims—and her own recovery from a past incident of abuse. Today, she has found a supportive community with other youths in Batam who boldly speak out against sexual violence and trafficking. As Ria advocates for the rights of victims to report their cases and seek recovery, she continues on her own journey to heal.

*Healing is a Right* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 7/27/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (14:16)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English, Indonesian**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Sudan Video Diaries* | VOA ORIGINAL



After armed conflict broke out in April, three people in Sudan share their harsh realities—with no end to the war in sight. Iman Hassan, a filmmaker, fights for survival in Jebel Aulia, where finding food and water is a daily struggle. Alhadi Alrihaima, an architect, leaves his children in White Nile state and ventures into South Sudan in search of safety for his family. Weam Shawgi, an activist in Madani, Khartoum, dedicates herself to providing displaced women with essential support.

*Sudan Video Diaries* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 7/06/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (15:08)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *A Decade After an Acid Attack* | VOA ORIGINAL



The documentary follows a young woman's journey to find her identity while facing numerous challenges. A decade after being attacked with acid, Ritu has become a prominent figure and is now empowering other survivors by learning English, practicing karate, participating in awareness campaigns, and modeling. She aims to inspire survivors to live life to the fullest and achieve their dreams.

*A Decade After an Acid Attack* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 6/29/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (12:36)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite**

**Restrictions:**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Ancona Respect* | VOA ORIGINAL



Gladys, a young Nigerian woman, becomes a victim of human trafficking after she decides to flee her home country. She is smuggled into Italy, where she manages to escape the trafficker and starts a new life. Her life as a refugee is far from what she expected, but at least she has escaped a terrible fate. Keeping her alive is her dream to become a professional soccer player. She joins the Ancona Respect all-female soccer club, where she begins training and finds a new family.

*Ancona Respect* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 6/22/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (17:31)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Sun and Thunder* | VOA ORIGINAL



In one of the deadliest countries in the world for land defenders, Nora Taquinas, an indigenous Nasa activist, works with youth to create economic substitutes to illicit marijuana farming as part of an effort to weaken the power of armed groups. Her mission is the result of a 2019 massacre that Taquinas survived, strengthening her resolve to protect her community.

Sun and Thunder makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 06/15/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (13:37)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Dancing In Exile* | VOA ORIGINAL



During the past decades, many Iranian LGBTQ+ refugees made Turkey their new home and found a community. Leo, a gender-fluid belly dancer, is one of these asylum seekers. She performs and teaches dancing by night and regularly attends protests in Istanbul in front of the Iranian Consulate. Despite the Islamic Republic's ban on women dancing publicly, Leo's made a thriving career out of her passion, in Turkey.

*Dancing In Exile* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 06/01/2023.

**Year: 2023 | TRT (11:45)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite**

**Restrictions:**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *Faii, the Foot Makeup Queen* | VOA ORIGINAL



Buntida Chinnawong, also known as Faii Using Foot Wearing Makeup, is a Thai beauty influencer with disabilities. She doesn't consider herself to be disabled, as her family didn't raise her to believe she is. She became famous overnight when a clip of her using her foot to put on makeup went viral on social media. She has had to break through many barriers both physical and psychological to become a successful personality.

*Faii, the Foot Makeup Queen* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 5/18/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (17:22)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Thai, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Voice of India's Voiceless* | VOA ORIGINAL



In many parts of India, Dalits have been forced to live on the margins of society for centuries. After having faced discrimination in life and in the workplace, Dalit journalist Meena Kotwal decided to start her own media venture to voice the stories of the voiceless.

*Voice of India's Voiceless* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 4/27/2023

Year: 2023 | TRT (09:54)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A

# *See Me: Kübra* | VOA ORIGINAL



Kübra wears a headscarf by choice. It sets her apart as a Muslim woman in German society. She longs for the time when people she meets will see the woman she is rather than a walking headscarf. Meanwhile, as a theologian and a podcaster, she promotes religious tolerance along with her Jewish and Christian colleagues.

*See Me: Kübra* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ at 3/23/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (13:44)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Lavender's Dance* | VOA ORIGINAL



Lavender, a 15-year-old Kenyan girl is spotted dancing in the slums by American ex-professional dancer Cooper Rust, and joins her training program. After 6 years living and dancing with Cooper, she is trying to fulfill their shared dream of becoming the first professional ballerina from Kenya.

*Lavender's Dance* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 03/16/2023

**Year: 2023 | TRT (21:32)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Nairobi Hotline* | VOA ORIGINAL



Almost half - 47% - of Kenyan women experience rape and other gender-based violence in their lifetime. Because of cultural beliefs that women should be disciplined, police treat violence against women casually. Njeri Wa Migwi's phone line has become a lifeline for victims.

*Nairobi Hotline* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 03/09/23

Year: 2023 | TRT (14:22)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A

# *Kiran Ahuja: The Story of A Passionate Immigrant* | VOA ORIGINALS



From an immigrant child growing up in rural Georgia, to an impassioned civil rights attorney, to her current role as the director of a federal agency, Indian-born Kiran Ahuja has drawn inspiration from the twists and turns of her accomplished career to become the leader she is today. However, no matter what title she holds, Kiran remains dedicated to improving the lives of the underserved.

*Kiran Ahuja* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 02/09/23

**Year: 2023 | TRT (19:27)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite**

**Restrictions:**

**Expiration Date: 020923**



# *Water for Gold* | VOA ORIGINAL



Kerabai Sargar, a cattle farmer from the village of Mhaswad in Maharashtra, India, has faced a devastating drought in her village three times. Climate change has increased the frequency of drought in the area. While many farmers have ceased operations, Kerabai has chosen to stay and fight. She mortgages her gold to help her family and cattle survive. She also becomes a famous radio jockey in her community by using her natural singing abilities to educate people about farming.

*Water for Gold* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 02/02/23

Year: 2023 | TRT (11:51)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite

Restrictions:

Expiration Date: NA



# 2022 Films

# Kyiv-Sofia-Hollywood | VOA ORIGINAL



Fleeing the Russian invasion of Ukraine, two mothers find themselves in an unusual place, Nu Boyana Film Studios, in Sofia, Bulgaria. Eastern Europe's largest film company, it has participated in the production of over 400 Hollywood films. This moving work, *Kyiv-Sofia-Hollywood*, follows these two women as they rebuild their lives in a new country and find their way in the film industry. On their journey, they overcome challenges and find success, begging the question of whether they will eventually ever return to their homeland, Ukraine.

*Kyiv-Sofia-Hollywood* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 12/1/22

Year: 2022 | TRT (21:36)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A

# *Shrinking Chapati* | VOA ORIGINAL



Mary, a single mother with an epileptic son has a small kiosk in Nairobi, Kenya. She cooks chapati, mandazi, tea and other common Kenyan foods. Her small business was successful but the deadly climate change driven drought that has affected Kenya in combination with the Ukrainian-Russian war have led to food prices to skyrocket. As a result Mary is struggling to hold her business together and now she's failing to provide her son with the necessary medication.

*Shrinking Chapati* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 11/17/22

Year: 2022 | TRT (13:16)

Format: Documentary

Available Languages: English

Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide

Expiration Date: N/A

# *Homeland* | VOA ORIGINAL



Afghanistan is her home and Zahara Nabi is staying. While many Afghans, both men and women, have fled the return of Taliban rule, Nabi is determined to fight for her rights. A rare glimpse into the life and dreams of a woman who has chosen to stand her ground, no matter the consequences.

*Homeland* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on 10/13/22

**Year: 2022 | TRT (10:15)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Mother Ukraine* | VOA ORIGINAL



Against the backdrop of the Russian war in Ukraine, Christina must undergo pregnancy alone while her husband fights for their motherland. Walking to her ultrasound, she passes war debris and a memorial for fallen soldiers. After months of moving around for safety with her mom and son while pregnant, Christina is back in Kyiv. As she waits for delivery, she hopes the commanders will release her husband in time for the birth of their twins and give him extra vacation days to celebrate as a family.

*Mother Ukraine* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on September 22, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT : (15:43)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *I Was You* | VOA ORIGINAL



JJ Thompson grew up in the shadow of her famous cowboy father, Charlie Thompson. In an effort to gain her father's attention and approval, she dedicated herself to rodeo and won many competitions. Now with a daughter of her own, seven-year-old Bryndle, JJ strives to find balance between instilling her love for rodeo and showing love and discipline to her daughter.

*I Was You* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on September 8, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT 39:07 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Belarusian, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Cookin' Up Policies* | VOA ORIGINAL



Why would an executive chef run for office? Francesca Hong, a chef and a restaurateur, took a long look at the service industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. She observed how restaurants treated these hard workers as if they were disposable. She decided to shake up the status quo and run for State Representative to change restaurant industry standards. Today, Francesca is a Wisconsin Assemblywoman. She now stumps for underrepresented communities and she is not afraid to unsettle short-sighted lawmakers in the Capitol.

*Cookin' Up Policies* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on September 1, 2022.

**Year: 2022 | TRT 19:32 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Fatema* | VOA ORIGINAL



She escaped one war only to face another. Fatema Hosseini, then 27, was living with her family in Kabul in August 2021 when the Taliban took over the country. As a journalist who worked for the American media, Fatema had to find a way out. It was a Ukrainian colonel, Iryna, who came to her rescue, working out a plan with the help of Ukrainian soldiers on the ground in Kabul. Iryna brought Fatema to her own home in Ukraine, with Fatema's family following a short time later. But another war would soon confront them, this time in Ukraine.

*Fatema* streams on VOA+ on August 4, 2022

**Publish Year: 2022 | TRT 23:30 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *School Away From Home* | VOA ORIGINAL



Oksana Matviishyna is a 43-year-old, highly qualified, and determined Ukrainian teacher from Kyiv. She is a single mother who was on a short holiday with her children in Hungary when Russia invaded her homeland. Oksana felt a duty to return home and help with the war effort, but when she saw the incoming flood of refugees—most of them women and children—she realized she was needed elsewhere. Leveraging her experience, Oksana created a “school within a school” at the American International School of Budapest where more than 200 Ukrainian children, including her own, can receive education in their native language, and the social and emotional support they need to survive the war.

*School Away From Home* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on July 21, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT 16:35 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Ukrainian, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
Worldwide**

**Expiration Date: N/A**

# Waiting in Greece | VOA ORIGINAL



Oksana Poltorak and her three children are amongst more than 50,000 Ukrainian refugees in Greece. While living in a house with two other families, Oksana tries to create a sense of normalcy for herself and her children. Though she tries hard, her days are never normal until her entire family is reunited. Her husband and oldest son remain in Ukraine to defend their home.

*Waiting in Greece* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on July 14, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT 17:27 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: Ukrainian, English**

**Rights: YT + OTT + TV + Satellite  
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**Expiration Date: N/A**

# *Letters from Prison* | VOA ORIGINAL



When Belarusian journalist Andrei Skurko becomes a political prisoner based on trumped up charges as part of an ongoing crackdown on independent media, his wife, Paulina finds herself as a single mother. Their only way of keeping in touch is through frequent letters from and to the prison.

*Letters From Prison* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on July 07, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT 22:11 (mm:ss)**

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**Available Languages: Belarusian, English**

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**Expiration Date: N/A**





# *A Mom's Personal Mission* | VOA ORIGINAL



Maria – a former chemical engineer who studied at MIT – is the first Korean American lawmaker elected to the Massachusetts State Legislature. She decided to run for Representative after encountering red tape during her daughter's adoption process. As an adopted child from South Korea who was raised in the U.S. herself, there are significant personal stakes here for Maria. Fueled by her frustrations with the American foster care system, Maria feels that it's her responsibility to strengthen laws and secure the rights of foster children and their families.

*A Mom's Personal Mission* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on May 19, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT 20:00 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

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**Expiration Date: N/A**

# India's Shackled Press | VOA ORIGINAL



Raihanath Kappan, the wife of the jailed journalist Siddique Kappan, struggles to make ends meet with her three children in a small city in India. Her husband was arrested on his way to report on a story about the rape and murder of a 19-year-old Dalit (lower caste) woman in India. With no finances or means of income, Raihanath is fighting a lone battle to secure her journalist husband a fair hearing.

*India's Shackled Press* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on April 28, 2022

Year: 2022 | TRT 13:34

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Available Languages: English, Hindi, Malyalam

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# Skate Champ | VOA ORIGINAL



In 2019, inline speed skater Leticia Detrow won the national gold medal for her age group. She also happened to be the only Deaf skater.

This documentary follows the story of 14-year-old Leticia, who was born in Uganda and adopted into an American family. Striving for excellence in everything she does, Leticia navigates skating, family and coming of age in a hearing world.

*Skate Champ* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on March 24, 2022

**Year: 2022 | TRT 17:42 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

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**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *Fulfilling Buddha's Vision:* In Ordination, Buddhist Nuns Seek Equality

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*Fulfilling Buddha's Vision: In Ordination, Buddhist Nuns Seek Equality* focuses on the struggle for gender equality in Buddhism, one of the world's oldest and most widely practiced religions. The documentary examines the reemergence of bhikkhunis – ordained female Buddhist monks – who reclaim their place within the Buddhist religious hierarchy some 1,000 years after nuns were last fully ordained. Their resolve to overcome challenges and opposition offers evidence of the strong resilience often manifested by faith.

*Fulfilling Buddha's Vision* streams on VOA+ on 1/27/2022

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**Available Languages: English, Thai**

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# *Shall We Dance in Russia?* | VOA ORIGINAL



Emily Abrom has been dancing her entire life. One afternoon, she sent an audition tape halfway across the world and her life changed forever when she decided to relocate to Novosibirsk and become the first American hired at a Russian theatre.

*Shall We Dance in Russia* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on December 23, 2021

**Year: 2021 | TRT 11:24 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: English**

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# *Afghan Refugees, Neither Here Nor There* | VOA ORIGINAL



Noda Sofa fled her war-ravaged home in Afghanistan, hoping that she could wait it out in Islamabad for a peaceful return to her country. But Noda has faced great difficulties living an uprooted life in Pakistan: red tape, an inability to get a proper education, and an identity crisis that has left her and many other refugees very much on their own.

*Afghan Refugees* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on December 16, 2021

**Year: 2021 | TRT 09:09 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages: TBA**

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**Expiration Date: N/A**



# *Breaking A Taboo* | VOA ORIGINAL



Shukria Bahmani is a Muay Thai fighter who made her nation proud by winning gold medals. She flattened foes around the world and made her cheering fans smile. But as a woman battling gender expectations in Afghanistan, her triumphant life and career are now in serious jeopardy.

*Breaking a Taboo* makes its streaming debut on VOA+ on December 9, 2021

**Year: 2021 | TRT 13:27 (mm:ss)**

**Format: Documentary**

**Available Languages:** Burmese, English, Farsi, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Urdu

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