

ILIRJAN HIMAJ

Writer / Director / Visual Artist

Kosovar writer, director whose work delves into themes of memory, identity, and the psychological aftermath of trauma. Born in 1985 in Gjakova, Himaj initially pursued studies in painting at the Faculty of Arts, University of Pristina, before transitioning into film direction at the same institution. His early short films, such as "*Njëri Nga Ata*" (*One of Them*, 2014) and "*Memory*" (2017), showcase his talent for crafting intimate, character-driven narratives that explore the complexities of human experience.

Himaj's filmography reflects a commitment to storytelling that resonates with both local and international audiences. His 2014 short film "*Njëri Nga Ata*" received critical acclaim for its poignant portrayal of destiny and human connection. In 2017, *Memory* offered a sensitive depiction of an elderly man's struggle with Alzheimer's disease, further establishing Himaj's reputation for handling delicate subjects with nuance. His upcoming projects include "*Bear Hug*", a feature film exploring guilt and redemption, and *Vandal*, a socially critical narrative about the perils of internet fame.

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// Languages //

Albanian: Native
English: Communication

// Education //

Master's degree in Film Directing
University of Prishtina, Faculty of Arts, Prishtina, Kosovo, 2013

Master's degree in Fine Arts
University of Prishtina, Faculty of Arts, Prishtina, Kosovo, 2008

// Selected Filmography //

"VANDAL" Feature Film in development	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: Bujar Kabashi IMDb: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt37438098/
"BEAR HUG" Feature Film Not released yet	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: Teuta Krasniqi IMDb:
"MEMORY" Short 2016	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: LATif Hasolli, Agron Shala IMDb: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5991604/ - 65th Columbus International Film + Video Festival - Columbus, Ohio USA - Festival Internacional de Cine de Lanzarote, Spain - Humboldt International Film Festival, California USA Best Narrative Best of FEST

- Edmonton International film festival - Alberta, Canada
- Cornwall International Film Festival - Cornwall, England
Best short film
- Virginia Film Festival - Charlottesville, Virginia, USA
- 55th Golden Knight Film Festival, Malta
- 38th Images of Cabestany Film Festival
- 4th Disease Film Festival

"MARIHUANA REPUBLIC" Documentary 2014	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: Ilirjan Himaj - 48 hours film festival Tirana Best Character Use Award Best Prop Use Award Best Actor (Agron Shala) Best Film - Filmapaloosa Hollywood Los Angeles USA
"ONE OF THEM" Short FILM 2013	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: Ilirjan Himaj IMDb: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3058744/ - Prishtina International Film Festival - Prishtina, Kosovo Special Jury Award - Dokufest International Documentary and Short Film Festival - Tirana International Film Festival - West Nordic International Film Festival - World Peace Film Festival - Florida, USA
"THE MILL" Short Film 2018	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: Ilirjan Himaj IMDb: - Fest Film Kosova HNF - Prishtina, Kosovo Cinema of the Future Award for Best Film
"IN MEMORIAM" Short Film 2015	Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj Produced by: Ilirjan Himaj - New York international film and video festival USA (int.Premiere) Best Film - Nine Eleven Dedication Film Festival - Prishtina, Kosovo Best Film Best Director Best Camera

Best Screenplay
Best Music

- Swi-Kos Film Festival - Basel, Switzerland
Best Camera

- "Rudolf Sopi Award" for Best Art Camera Work, Radiotelevision of Kosova

"BEYOND THE RIVER"

Short Film
2014

Written & Directed by: Ilirjan Himaj
Produced by: Ilirjan Himaj

- Nine Eleven Dedication Film Festival - Prishtina, Kosovo
Best Film

- Swi-Kos Film Festival, Basel, Switzerland
Best Film

- Skena UP Student Film Festival - Prishtina, Kosovo
Special Mention by International Jury
