Rojava Film Academy - Rojava Film Commune

The Rojava Film Academy is dedicated to providing courses for aspiring filmmakers in Rojava, Northern Syria.

ounded in 2015, it offers one-year programmes with courses in international film history, Kurdish film history, film theory, photography, cinematography, script writing, editing, and sound design, taught by local and international film professionals.

The Academy is self-organised. Structured in a horizontal way, it encourages students to participate in every aspect of its organisation. Exchange networks have also been set up with other academies, media and news platforms, and civil society organisations to engage in a broad discussion and create screening possibilities. Regarding the large influx of foreign filmmakers and journalists to Rojava, it is important that we reclaim the representation and imagination of the revolution, as this is a revolution that will be televised.

After decades of oppression of Kurdish language and culture, the Rojava Film Academy aims to revitalise local film culture, reclaiming the power to narrate and imagine oneâ€™s dreams and realities. After the Syrian Civil War started, the predominantly Kurdish populated northâ€"Rojavaâ€"declared autonomy and created self-governing structures based on grassroots democracy, womenâ€™s liberation, and cultural diversity. Part of a revolution is the reconstruction of meaning. The Rojava Film Academy believes that that is exactly the sphere of cinema.

The Academy bases its methodology on what we call â€˜revolutionary realismâ€™: a realism that not merely reveals the current reality in a new way, but rather restructures the reality of the possible. It not only finds form for the existing but creates the possibility to imagine the not yet presentâ€"the continuous becoming that is the revolution itself.

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