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Bakhtiari Alphabet

A DOCUMENTARY ON NOMADIC PASTORAL
LIFE AND EDUCATION IN IRAN

Set against the back drop of the stunning Bakhtiari Mountains of Iran, The Bakhtiari Alphabet chronicles the migratory journey of the Bakhtiari tribe as they endure travails and rejoice in cultural achievements. The Bakhtiari tribe exhibits an affinity towards the natural world and an immeasurable strength and stamina to withstand their seasonal migration. These qualities and way of living are being infringed upon by an educational curriculum that does not parallel their daily lives and inherited responsibility to safeguard the ancient tradition of nomadic pastoralism.

This documentary delves into the struggle of incorporating a relevant curriculum into migratory schooling with the precision of an artist. From the stark seasonal contrasts to the perpetual evolution of time, which exists in the cinematographic elements of The Bakhtiari Alphabet, a culture in danger of losing its ancient traditions is unveiled.

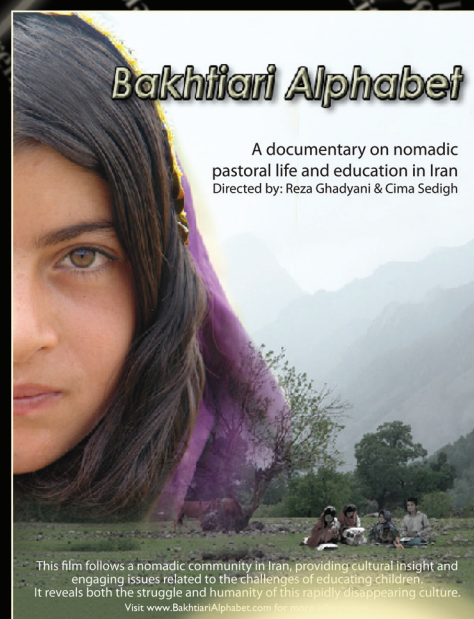
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