CERTIFIED MAIL

Directed by **Hisham Saqr**

Written by **Hisham Saqr**

Starring **Basma, Passant Shawky, Mohamed Sarhan, Lobna Asal, Rafal Abdelkader**

Producers **Mohamed Hefzy**

Production Company **Film Clinic Productions**

Egypt 2019

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HIGHLIGHT
The touching drama will have its World Premiere in Toronto IFF‘s Discovery section.

SHORT SYNOPSIS (2 lines)

Since her husband went to jail, Hala has to face her suicidal thoughts alone. Her strength has to come from within as society does not help nor forgive a depressed woman - especially if she’s a mother.

DIRECTOR’S BIOGRAPHY (2 lines)
**Hisham Saqr** was born in Cairo and has more than ten years of experience as an editor in the Egyptian film industry. Saqr has worked with a number of acclaimed Egyptian directors. *Certified Mail* is his first feature film.

CAST BIOGRAPHY

**Basma**
The Egyptian actress, also appearing in Media Luna’s *Sheikh Jackson*, first garnered the attention of a Western audience with a recurring role in FX drama show *Tyrant*.

**Passant Shawky**
She is known for the TV series *Qabeel* (2019), *Kalabsh 2* (2018) and the movie *Diamond Dust* (2018).

DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT (4 lines max):
*I made a film about the idea of loss and how one can surprisingly find the inner strength to deal with it. It is about how a normal person who is emotionally fragile copes with this; incomprehensible emotions such as anxiety and depression that lead to suicidal thoughts. I have personally gone through all these feelings and thoughts so I started to think: What if the main character was a woman who has just had a child? Society is asking a lot of her, especially when being a mother and having her own child adds much more to the illogical fear and anxiety of losing even her own new-born girl. These complex emotions and how she finds a way to cope with them is what I am examining in my film.*

GENRE

Drama