



Shira Geffen

Shira Geffen was born in Tel Aviv in 1971. A playwright, director, children`s author and actress, she studied at the Nissan Nativ Drama Studio and has performed at the Habimah National Theater as well as at the Cameri and Khan Theaters. In 2005 she started "Knafyim" a theater group for retarded actors. Geffen has published three books for children. She was awarded First Prize at the Haifa Children`s Drama Festival in 1998 and the Hadassah Prize for children book writing in 2003. In 2007 Geffen had written and co-directed her first feature film Jellyfish ("Meduzot"), which won 3 prizes in the Cannes film festival, including the prestigious Camera d'Or. Further on, in 2014 wrote and directed the movie Self-Made ("Boreg") which debuted at the Cannes Film Festival's Critics Week, won the Critics Award of New Auteurs at AFI Fest, and additionally was awarded the Best Editing and Best Screenplay at the Jerusalem Film Festival.

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