

## THE ADG CONDEMNS THE DETENTION OF IRANIAN FILMMAKERS

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**Sydney, Australia** - The Australian Directors' Guild stands in solidarity with Iranian directors Mohamad Rasoulof, Mostafa Al-Ahmad, and Jafar Panahi. It strongly condemns their detention by the Iranian Authorities and urges the Iranian Government to immediately free Mr Rasoulof, Mr Al-Ahmad, and Mr Panahi.

It has recently been reported that Mohamad Rasoulof (Pictured - Golden Bear 2020, Sydney Film Prize) and Mostafa Al-Ahmad have been detained over an appeal they posted on social media speaking out against the disproportionate repression of civil protestors. It was subsequently reported that Award-winning director Jafar Panahi (Golden Leopard, Golden Lion, Silver Bear) was then also arrested as he protested the detention of his colleagues at Tehran's Evin prison.

Australian Director's Guild President Rowan Woods said, "*We are outraged by this attempt to silence filmmakers Mohamad Rasoulof, Mostafa Al-Ahmad and Jafar Panahi. Freedom of creative expression is a central human liberty and crucial to human rights. We stand together with the world's film community in protesting this misguided action.*"

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Mohamad Rasoulof <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm1488024/>

Jafar Panahi <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0070159/>

Mostafa Al-Ahmad <https://www.imdb.com/name/nm3601227/>



Mohamad Rasoulof