

ARABICA is a dramatic web-series set in a tight knit immigrant Arab community in a suburban enclave of Chicago dubbed “Little Palestine.” The series follows Sohib, a first gen Algerian-American and amateur filmmaker on a journey to get to the bottom of the mysterious white van that keeps popping up in his neighborhood. The eight-episode series follows a day in the life of Sohib along with a rotating cast of friends and neighbors, as he and his community try to get on with their day-to-day lives, while grappling with the banal but persistent reality of state surveillance. Arabica explores the tensions around religion, gender and race that embroil this neighborhood with small-town vibes, while simultaneously weaving a love letter to the millennial first-gen experience of being culturally and linguistically “in between.” This micro-budget production filmed on location in Bridgeview, IL — an Arab-American community in Chicago’s south-west suburbs — embraces an unapologetic point of view from within the community and stars mostly local community member non-actors.

ARABICA is written, directed, created by and starring Sohib Boundaoui, executive produced by Cai Thomas and Assia Boundaoui. ARABICA is made possible with the support of Chicago Filmmakers and Youth FX.

We invite you to preview a private screener of the eight-episode web series, which will have it’s online premiere this Friday, June 4, 2021, and will be distributed for free on OpenTV and arabicaseries.com.

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