



## IMTA ALUM AGNES BRUCKNER IN *THE CITIZEN*

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*The Citizen* opens in wide release Friday, September 27th

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*"I have to give the credit to the cast because this is a script that not everyone wants to be part of because of the subject matter and the fact that I'm a first-time director talking about such a sensitive subject. We're talking about some issues that have never been seen on the big screen. So we were lucky to have this cast. – Sam Kadi, Director*

Each generation has a historical event that partially defines that generation and becomes a collective memory: the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963, the war in Viet Nam, Watergate and the resignation of Richard Nixon, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the dismantling of communism. For so-called Millennials, it is the events of September 11, 2001 that have shaped the world in which we currently live. And it those events and how they affect one man that are at the center of *The Citizen*.

After years of trying to immigrate to the US, Ibrahim receives notice of having won the Citizen Lottery, the US Green Card Visa program that allows only 50K individuals to enter the country annually with the potential to become citizens. The young Middle Eastern immigrant arrives in the U.S. on September 10, 2001. On his first day he's held at the airport for security reasons, then he checks into hotel where he meets Diane, who is hiding from her abusive boyfriend. The two strike up a friendship and she shows him around New York. The next day Ibrahim's life, as was every life in America, changed forever.



LA95 IMTA alum Agnes Bruckner stars as Diane opposite Egyptian actor Khaled Nabawy in his first major U.S. film role. Cary Elwes, William Atherton and Rizwan Manji also star. *The Citizen* had its premiere at the Abu Dhabi International Film Festival in 2012 and has garnered several awards, including Best Feature Drama at the 2013 International Family Film Festival. It had a limited release on September 6 and is finally having a wide release with very positive reviews.



Bruckner starred earlier this year in the Lifetime bio-pic *Anna Nicole*, based on the life of Anna Nicole Smith, receiving excellent reviews for her portrayal in what was Lifetime's highest-rated movie to date. She recently shot the pilot for the A&E series "*Occult*," which has not yet been scheduled for airing, and guest-starred on the USA hit "*Covert Affairs*." She also had a role in the crime caper *Wrong Cops*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year, and the IFC Films thriller *Breaking the Girls*. She is currently working on the comedy-thriller *A Bit of Bad Luck* with Cary Elwes and Teri Polo, as a young woman who gets caught between a philandering husband and his revenge-seeking wife.