

Sabah – A Love Story

If you liked *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, then you're sure to like *Sabah*! Canadian writer and director Ruba Nabba has produced a great Canadian movie that thoughtfully portrays the struggle associated with weaving the demands of a conservative, Middle Eastern family with Canadian culture.



Sabah (played by Arsinee Khanjian) is a 40-year old hijab-wearing Muslim woman living a quiet life in Toronto, doting on her widowed mother. Dominated by her older brother, Majid, Sabah's life is controlled by her family, until she happens to meet Stephen (Shawn Doyle), a Canadian man from Sudbury, with whom she falls in love.

While you may think a Toronto-made romance flick can't offer anything new to a familiar story, strong acting and an expressive script create an engaging and intelligent romantic comedy that draws you in as Sabah's and Stephen's worlds become increasingly entwined.

Like most Canadian features, this movie had a short run in the theatres, so rent the video/DVD from your local corner store, pop some popcorn and sit back and be entertained by this realistic, yet humorous glimpse of community life that blends Muslim values and tradition with Canadian culture.



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