SIMPLE AS WATER

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TEXAS PILOT TOUR
APRIL 2023



WE WENT TO TEXAS WITH A QUESTION.

CAN *SIMPLE AS WATER* ATTRACT AUDIENCES, SUPPORT EARTHQUAKE RELIEF, AND STRENGTHEN LOCAL EFFORTS TO CREATE A CULTURE OF WELCOME?

4 CITIES
8 DAYS
6 SCREENINGS
3 MORNING TV SHOWS
2 UNIVERSITIES
3 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
25 COMMUNITY PARTNERS





SOLD OUT SCREENINGS
BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER
CREATING CONNECTIONS
INSPIRING ACTION



"YOUR CHOICE TO COME TO THIS MOVIE TODAY, ALREADY SAYS SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU. ...THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO THE EARTHQUAKES HIT SO HARD."

-OMAR SABHA

VIOLET CROWN CINEMA, DALLAS

DALLAS FILM SOCIETY
CITY OF DALLAS OFFICE OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION
KARAM FOUNDATION
AKIN LAW FIRM







“DALLAS IS PROUD TO BE THE FIRST **CERTIFIED WELCOMING CITY** IN TEXAS. I INVITE YOU ALL TO BE PART OF THIS WORK.”

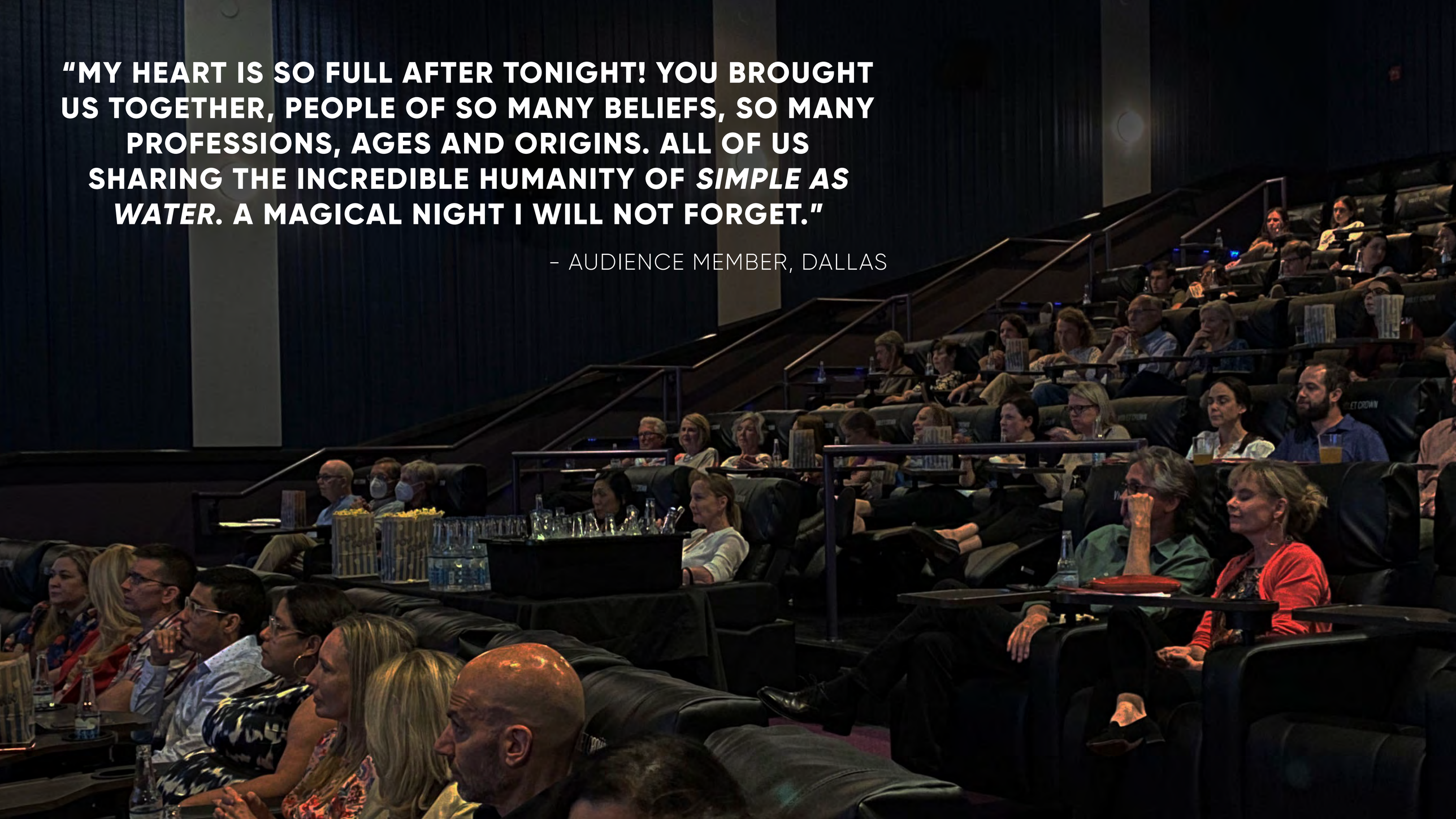
– CHRISTINA DA SILVA, CITY OF DALLAS











“MY HEART IS SO FULL AFTER TONIGHT! YOU BROUGHT US TOGETHER, PEOPLE OF SO MANY BELIEFS, SO MANY PROFESSIONS, AGES AND ORIGINS. ALL OF US SHARING THE INCREDIBLE HUMANITY OF *SIMPLE AS WATER*. A MAGICAL NIGHT I WILL NOT FORGET.”

– AUDIENCE MEMBER, DALLAS

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS

HUNT INSTITUTE FOR ENGINEERING & HUMANITY
GEORGE W BUSH PRESIDENTIAL CENTER
DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW
WORLD LANGUAGES & LITERATURES
OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN & RELIGIOUS LIFE
IMMIGRATION LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION
MUSLIM LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION







"I CAME TO SEE THE MOVIE, NEVER EXPECTING TO MEET LAWYERS WHO WOULD ADVISE ME ON MY ASYLUM CASE OR A COMPANY RUN BY WOMEN REFUGEES."



"I IMMIGRATED FROM MEXICO AS A CHILD AND I SEE IN YOU, ABED, SO MUCH OF MYSELF. NOW, I'M A PSYCHIATRIST WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND TEENS. TRUST ME, WHAT YOU ENDURED AS A CHILD WILL BE YOUR STRENGTH GOING FORWARD. I AM SO PROUD OF YOU."

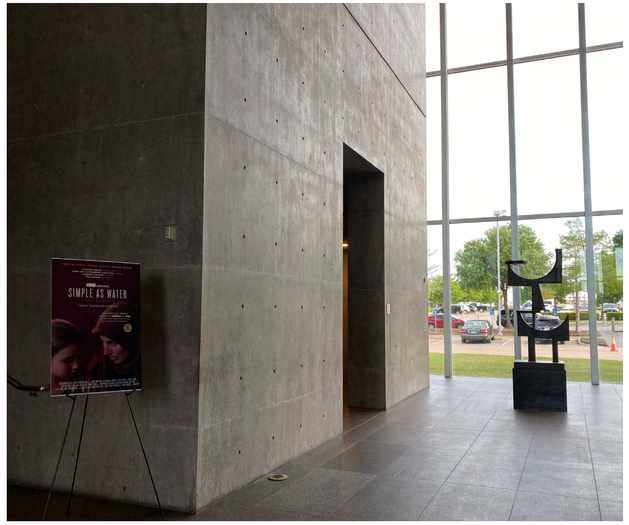


“A HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER COACH HERE IN HOUSTON LEARNED ABOUT WELCOME CORPS BY ATTENDING THE FILM SCREENING. HE’S NOW TRYING TO FORM A GROUP TO SPONSOR A REFUGEE. SO EXCITING TO SEE OUR COLLABORATION PAYING OFF SO QUICKLY AND DIRECTLY!

– AARON TATE, WELCOME CORPS

MODERN ART MUSEUM OF FORT WORTH

REFUGEE SERVICES OF TEXAS







"I CANNOT STOP SPREADING THE WORD AND SHARING THIS AMAZING FILM. I LOVED IT SO MUCH AND WANT EVERYONE TO SEE AND FEEL IT."

– COURTNEY KENNEBECK,
REFUGEE SERVICES OF TEXAS

AUSTIN FILM SOCIETY

CITY OF AUSTIN

AUSTIN REFUGEE ROUNDTABLE

REFUGEE SERVICES OF TEXAS






“I SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN.
I WISH EVERYONE COULD HAVE
SEEN THIS BEFORE DEPLOYMENT.”
– AUDIENCE MEMBER, DALLAS



THE DELUXE THEATER, HOUSTON

HOUSTON CINEMA ARTS SOCIETY
BAKER INSTITUTE, RICE UNIVERSITY
WELCOME CORPS, IRIS
MARAM FOUNDATION
SYRIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF HOUSTON



"TWICE WHILE WATCHING THE FILM, I FELT THE NEED TO LEAVE THE ROOM. I'M SYRIAN, THE DEPICTION WAS SO REAL, IT SHOOK ME TO MY CORE. I'M SO GLAD MY WIFE INSISTED I STAY AND WATCH, IT'S A STORY I WILL NEVER FORGET."

- AUDIENCE MEMBER, HOUSTON













HOUSTON HAPPENS
CW-39, HOUSTON



GOOD MORNING TEXAS
ABC-WFAA, DALLAS



GOOD DAY
FOX 4 KDFW, DALLAS

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE CONSTELLATION OF PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT CAME TOGETHER IN TEXAS TO EMBRACE *SIMPLE AS WATER* AND HELPED US CREATE MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS AND SPARK ACTION.

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