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Film: Virgins (2018)
Director: Keren Ben Rafael



Keren Bar Rafael : *'I am very influenced from things that happen in real life. For me, starting from a real story gives me this kind of anchor, that later enables me to be free to take it to a more poetic place. Some of the real-life events that made their way into the film were so crazy, for example, the part about the mayor trying to sell the city's beach on eBay. I could never make that up.'*



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Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CBT0DNcW85s>

FUN FACTS:

- The DOP of Virgins Damien Dufresne is Kerens husband
- The mayor trying to sell the city's beach on eBay was real
- The film was inspired after Keren read a news article about a mermaid "seen" in Kiryat Yam, and how the mayor tried to use it to get his poor town in the spotlight.

FESTIVAL APPEARANCES AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Winner – Jerusalem Film Festival

Fipresci Prize Israeli First Film
Jury Prize Best Director

Winner- Tribeca Film Festival

Best Actress

Nominated – Tribeca Film Festival

Best International Narrative

Nominated- Ophir Award

Best Actress
Best supporting Actress
Best supporting Actor
Best cinematographer
Best Costume design

Winner- Montenegro Film Festival

Best Actress
Best director



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INTERVIEWS

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| Screen Daily | https://www.screendaily.com/features/keren-ben-rafael-talks-through-her-creative-process-in-making-jerusalem-title-virgins/5131297.article |
| Women and Hollywood | https://womenandhollywood.com/tribeca-2018-women-directors-meet-keren-ben-rafael-virgins-73105c9b9cc9/ |

REVIEWS

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| Tribeca Film Festival | https://tribecafilm.com/films/virgins-2018 |
| Screen Daily | https://www.screendaily.com/reviews/virgins-tribeca-review/5128323.article |
| Cine Europa | https://cineuropa.org/en/newsdetail/352509/ |
| The Arts Weekly | http://www.theartswireweekly.com/reviews/virgins-vierges-tribeca-2018-review.html |