



The Netherlands Institute for Academic Studies in Damascus (NIASD) proudly presents Dutch feature film “Het Schnitzelparadijs” - the 30th and 31st of August, 2006



* Damascus, East
Mezzeh, Farabi Street 85
(near Greek Embassy)

* Evening starts at 19:45
hours

* Dutch language, with
Arabic Subtitles

Het Schnitzelparadijs (Schnitzel Paradise). Things could not go better for Nordip Doenia: he just finished high school with high marks and has been accepted at university to study medicine. Nordip's father is a very proud man. But Nordip does not want to meet his father's expectations. He takes up a simple job at a restaurant. The restaurant kitchen is inhabited by a crazy set of employees, and boiling over with intrigues. All are keen on giving Nordip a real 'nice' introduction into the kitchen hierarchy. However, the kitchen hell of soap and fat turns into heaven after Nordip falls in love with waitress Agnes. They start a secret relationship, but eventually have to make a choice: giving in to the pressures of the people who surround them, or choosing for themselves and for love. The feature film 'Schitzel Paradise' is a contemporary, refreshing comedy about present day multicultural society.





Film director: Martin Koolhoven. Martin Koolhoven (1969, on picture right) studied scenario and directing at the Netherlands Film and Television Academy. He started his career with writing and directing short drama productions, videoclips and two short feature films. His cinema debut came in 2001 with the thriller 'Amnesia'. After that two artistically, not commercially, succesful movies followed: "The Cave" (2001) and "South" (2004). Big commercial success came in 2005, with the comedy "Schnitzel Paradise" (with 360.000 cinema visitors in The Netherlands).



Prizes for 'Het Schnitzelparadijs'. Golden Calf for five supporting actors at the 2005 Netherlands Film Festival. Prize best scenario at the Skip City D-Cinema Film Festival (Tokyo, July 23, 2006).

Trailer. Click on the following link for a pre-view trailer of "Schnitzel Paradise":
<http://www.cineuropa.org/ffocustrailer.aspx?lang=en&treeID=1083&documentID=57179>

Tickets. Reservations for our limited number of free seats can be made with our assistant.
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