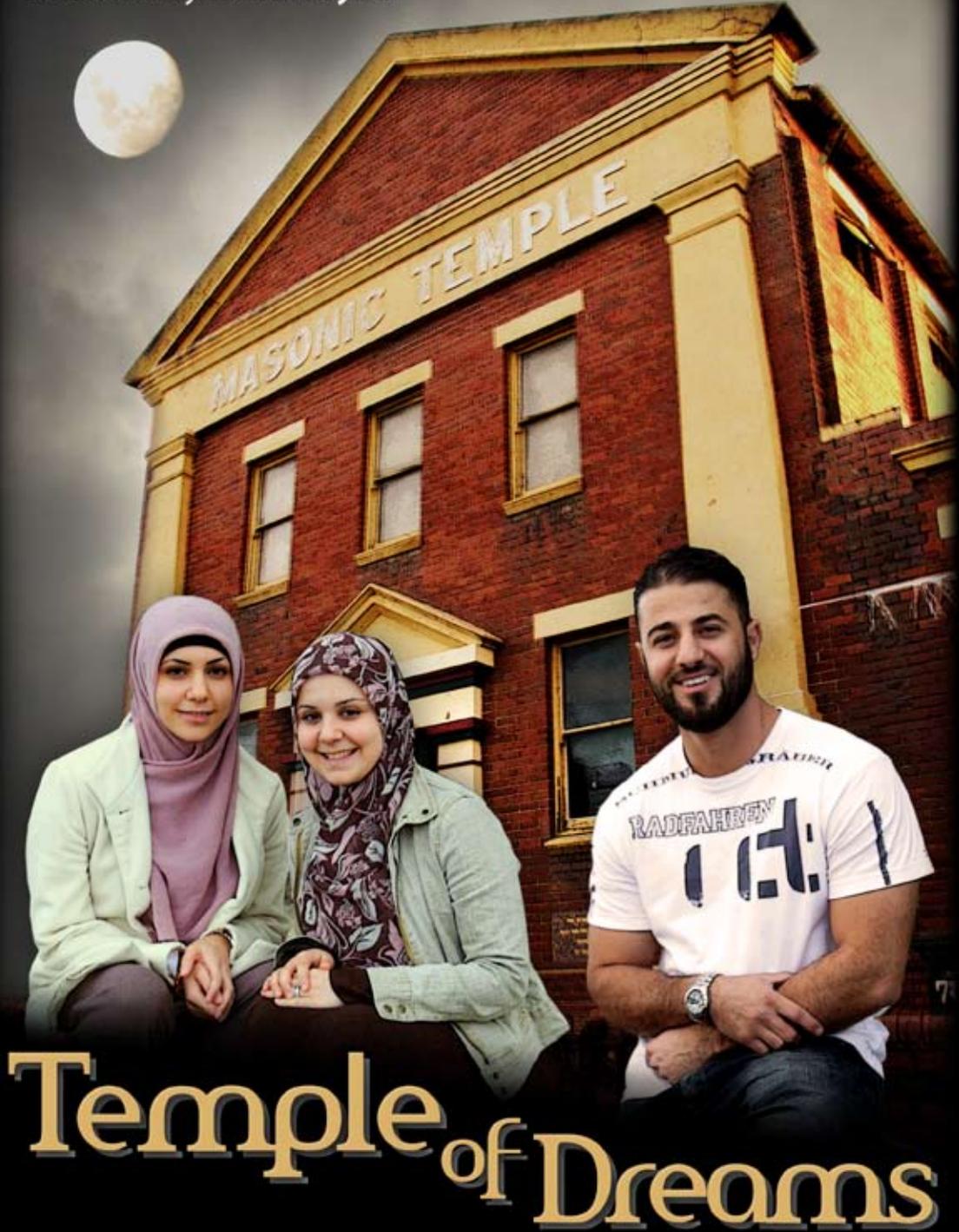


A new film by Tom Zubrycki.



Temple of Dreams

Young **Australian Muslims** with attitude, subverting what you thought you knew...

"Zubrycki's (Molly and Mobarak, The Diplomat, Billal) more than timely documentary provides a very different take on the Islamic community in Australia"

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Fadi Rahman is one of a new breed of young Australian Muslim leaders. Young, charismatic and politically ambitious, he runs a youth centre/ gymnasium in Sydney's west in what was once a Masonic Temple.

The Centre struggles in the face of council planning regulations and funding shortfalls. Fadi sets out to solve the Centre's problems with the help of three determined but often argumentative young women Alyah, Amna and Zouhour.

One evening in April 2006, three months after the Centre opens, tragedy strikes. A promising boxer from the gym is killed in a drive-by shooting. Fadi, upset and worried about possible revenge attacks, hits on a plan to bring out from America the former rap star Napoleon, who once performed with the legendary Tupac. Fadi wants to pack out a massive auditorium with young Lebanese-Australians to inspire them with this born-again

Muslim preacher's message of non-violence. The event will also raise much-needed funds for the Centre.

Suddenly, in the critical lead-up to this event, the local Council serves the Centre with an official order threatening to close it down. Allegedly, the gym activities and youth centre contravene local zoning regulations. Yet Fadi fights on. He and his trusty team put their energy into a new project - a youth conference to discuss the problems young Muslims face in Australia. This event is much bigger than anything they've attempted before, and the stress is taking its toll. Meanwhile the Council deadline is looming, with the threat of closure imminent. Will the Conference succeed? Will the Centre survive?

This is a story told from the inside revealing **Muslim Australians** in a way that dispels stereotypes of a vilified and victimised Minority.

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