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A Stroll Down Sunflower Lane

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2016, DCP, color & black/white, 14 min., Arabic. **Production company** Rufy's Films (Alexandria, Egypt). **Written and directed by** Mayye Zayed. **Director of photography** Mohamad El-Hadidi. **Production design** Ahmed Abul Nasr. **Costumes** Ahmed Abul Nasr. **Sound design** Samir Nabil. **Editor** Mayye Zayed. **With** Ahmed Khalil, Jana Abdel Aziz, Mariam Hany, Nour Mamdouh.

Mayye Zayed was born in 1985 in Alexandria, Egypt, where she currently also lives and works. She is a film director, producer, director of photography, and editor whose work has been screened in various film festivals all over the world. She graduated in Telecommunications and Electronics Engineering from Alexandria University (2008), followed by studies in independent filmmaking at the Jesuit Cultural Center's workshop in Alexandria. She was granted a Fulbright scholarship to study cinema and media studies at Wellesley College from (2011–2012). She cofounded Rufy's Films, an independent film production house based in Alexandria.

Films

2010: *Gils' Talk* (4 min.), *Black Out* (3 min.). 2012: *Fried Eggs* (11 min.), *Iskenderia* (8 min.). 2013: *The Mice Room* (85 min.). 2016: *Zakerat Abad El Shams / A Stroll Down Sunflower Lane*.

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"An old grandfather, a little granddaughter, an old house and some glimpses of memory. She was growing up building hers. He was getting old losing his."

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Using a mix of outdated home movie formats ranging from Super8 to VHS, Mayye Zayed attempts to reconstruct and fix her fading memory of her grandfather. Her film is structured around the act of recording and the importance it has for the old man: audio recordings made by him capturing Zayed and her cousins and siblings can be heard on the soundtrack, and the filmmaker's recreated scenes frequently show him holding a video camera. A film about trying to hold on to fleeting images, about the meaning of memory, and the technological determination of remembrance.

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