



THE GRAVEDIGGER'S WIFE

(Guled & Nasa)

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Release: 2021

Cert: 12A

Country: Somalia and Finland

Language: Somali with English subtitles

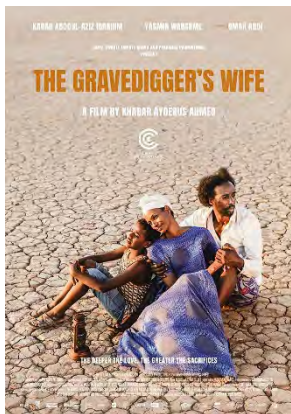
Runtime: 1 hour 22 mins

Directed by: Khadar Ayderus Ahmed

Written by: Khadar Ayderus Ahmed

Cinematography : Arttu Peltomaa

Cast : Omar Abdi, Yasmin Warsame, Kadar Abdoul-Aziz Ibrahim



Winner of many awards around the world's film festivals and the Somali entry for the Oscars, *'Finnish-Somali writer/director Khadar Ayderus Ahmed's tender romance 'The Gravedigger's Wife' follows Guled, as he spends his days waiting outside the hospital in Djibouti City with his friends for bodies to bury. He lives in relative poverty with his dotting wife Nasra and their son Mahad. When Nasra's failing health due to a kidney infection sends the family into a tailspin, Guled and Mahad each seek money for her much-needed surgery'* - Marya E Gates, RogerEbert.com.

Although the story is one of poverty, the director, Khadar Ayderus Ahmed, concentrates on the love between Guled and Nara, and even the reluctant love of their son Mahad - who is ashamed of their poor and illiterate lives - to bring out the craziness of a system that ensures a gravedigger cannot afford the medicines he needs to keep his wife alive. As he rushes back to his rural family and Mahad washes cars in the street in attempts to raise money, the love never dies; *'Ahmed wisely allows his actors the room to be playful amongst the film's dramatic plot, bringing a true sense of familial bonds. Charming and wistful without ever feeling maudlin, 'The Gravedigger's Wife' is a beautiful love letter to the power of family'* – Marya E Gates again.