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A few years after the Americans broke the Taliban rule a producer had a fantastic idea for a music talent show. They called it the Afghan Megastar. Thousands of Afghans entered and four of them made their fame: two men and two women.

Megastar was such a success because the people living in slums, under Taliban repression or in the democratic Kabul needed the connection with their fellow citizens. They did not have enough money, good jobs or friends. They wanted to forget their problems for a few weeks. They wanted to be happy.

E.P.

I liked this film. I think it was very interesting. It was most interesting to see how people live there. I also love the Hungarian Idol. The Afghans are very different, but warm hearted.. I think the Afghan Megastar made a community there. And it brought the people happiness.

O.S.

This film is about an Afghan show called the Afghan Megastar. People from different tribes and religions come to win the competition. In the film we follow four people for three months. What really shocked me was that women were not allowed to dance in public. One of the finalists attempted to dance in the show and afterwards everybody was angry with her, men and women alike. It was also interesting that the Taliban threatened to attack the telephone service, because they wanted to make use of the Megastar for themselves. It is unbelievable how big the poverty is in which the people in the film live. This show brought the community together because people do not have television at home, so if they wanted to watch the show they went to a pub or a bar.

K.K.

This film shows how the Afghan Megastar was made. This is a true story with true actors but if we think about it more carefully we realize that the actors were in fact singers. We could collect a lot of information about the country and the Islam.

I do not think that the film is interesting because Megastar is not interesting. However, the Islam surrounding made it a bit more interesting.

M. Sz.

I do not like this film because I do not care for the Megastar show. But it was interesting because it showed how life can be unpredictable.

O.D.

Recently in Afghanistan a talent show was organized. From 1995 to 2001 the Taliban ruled the people of Afghanistan, and then the girls couldn't learn, and the women were enslaved. After this the Taliban disappeared from the official scene but the "free" people of Afghanistan are still afraid of them.

For me the most important issue was that before the Taliban rule Afghanistan was free and women lived a normal life but during the rule they lived as dogs. It is revolting. The girls could not learn because the men were afraid that learned women could do wrong things and be equal to men. I want that the countries like Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq become more enlightened.

I think music is a thing which cuts knots and lets the heart out. The elders of Afghanistan say that music is bad but I think they are just jealous that the young can listen to music and can sing.

A.R.

What I liked in the film was that I could see how people live in Afghanistan, how they live their everyday life. But I found the places strange. And it was also strange how they treated women. The rules were strange, too, but perhaps they would find the rules of living in Hungary strange too. And Afghans would think that the Hungarians dress in a strange way. What I did not really like was the voices. That's all.

T. Sz.

I think it was a very interesting and strange film. This film showed how a TV program was made and showed a producer who wanted to make money. Many people saw a chance in the show to be rich or famous. And many people saw a chance to make a choice and vote for their favourite singer. They had more say here than in their real world. This is the main reason why I like the Afghan Megastar.
L.H.

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I liked this film. It was interesting but I hope these people will live a better life in a more beautiful place, where they are free and they do not need to be afraid.

E.Ny.

I like this film, because I think it is very interesting. I think the people in this film are strange. I was shocked when I saw the place where they are living and I heard their laws about dancing and singing. My favorite part of the film is the semi final, when the woman is dancing on the stage and everybody starts to hate her for that. And I realized that I do not like this kind of music.

A.N.

This film is very thought provoking, I think. The Afghan women's life is awful. It is non sensical. I hope it will be better for them in the future. The Afghan government was absolutely scared when that girl danced on the stage. It is very unjust.

D.G.

The film was very interesting. The Afghan women's life is very bad and strange. They are poor and they cannot do what they want. Life in Afghanistan is so different from the life in our country. And there is a lot of censorship in Afghanistan.

D.U.

The film was very interesting. Different ethnic groups fight with each other. For me it was the most interesting when the girl started to dance although it was not allowed. I think the voices were not very good. And I enjoyed watching how the four people were preparing for the competition.

P.F.

The film tells the story of how the Afghan Star show was made. This program wants to find talented singers in Afghanistan. In the country there were rigorous rules but some years ago the Taliban rules were broken off, but the people still think that dancing and singing are not good. Once a young woman danced and everybody thought it was terrible. In the film I saw a very poor country and its people. It was a bit depressive.

H.K.