

Mariem Hassan: the Voice of the Sahara

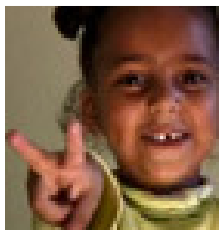
**An evening of films and discussion about Western Sahara
(Formerly Spanish Sahara - Sáhara Español)**



**Tuesday 30 March 2010, 7.30 pm @ Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)
Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne**

Mariem Hassan: the Voice of the Sahara

Dir. Manuel Domínguez, 55 mins, Spain, 2008, (Spanish & Hassaniya Arabic with English subtitles). Mariem Hassan is the voice of the Sahara Desert. Adored by Saharawis living in exile, she is an iconic figure for those still living in the territories occupied by Morocco. Mariem is revealed as a courageous and enduring character who has become one of the most charismatic and respected singers of the world music scene. Mariem performed at *Womadelaide* 2010.



Children of the Clouds - Dir. Carlos González, USA/Spain, 2008, 16 mins, (Spanish & Hassaniya Arabic with English subtitles). A short documentary about Morocco's campaign of repression against Saharawi students.

Q & A - Discussion afterwards with Kamal Fadel from the Frente POLISARIO (Representative of Western Sahara to Australia) chaired by Lyn Allison President of AWSA will follow the screenings.

Admission 18+ **Tickets: \$14, \$11** (concession) on sale at ACMI box office: (03) 8663 2583 or online at www.acmi.net.au/tickets

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