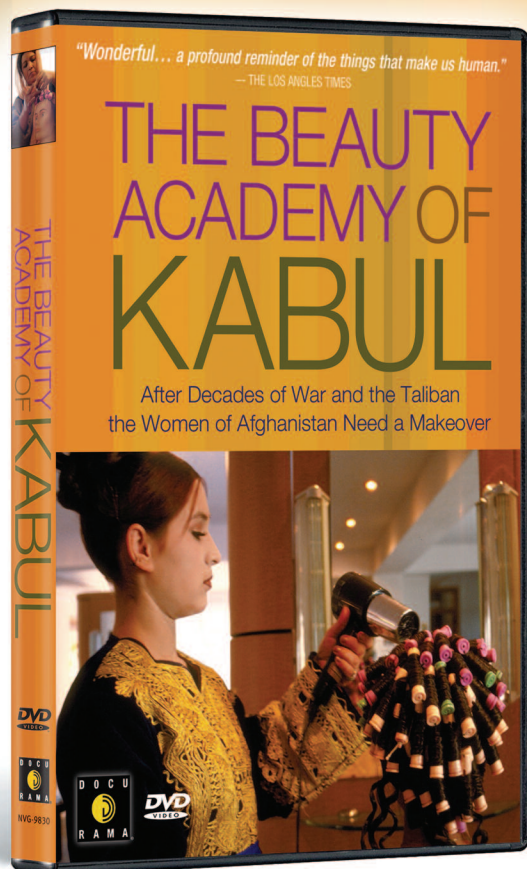


THE BEAUTY ACADEMY OF KABUL



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An arresting and optimistic portrait of post-Taliban Afghanistan, the theatrical hit *THE BEAUTY ACADEMY OF KABUL* captures the wonderfully odd circumstances that bring Afghan and American women together in pursuit of physical beauty and much more. In this utterly unique film, a quirky gaggle of Western hairstylists armed with blow driers and designer scissors improbably open a school to teach eager Afghan women the high art of fixing hair. The women of Kabul embrace the beauty lessons with unbridled hope even as they candidly recall the horrors of burkas and bombs. Both humorous and subversive, the film offers poignant moments of culture clash between the Americans and Afghans and touching moments of feminine solidarity.

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