



## Bam 6.6: Humanity Has No Borders

(55 mins)

*Bam 6.6* documents events surrounding the massive earthquake that destroyed the ancient Iranian city of Bam in 2003. The movie is a tale of two Americans, Tobb Dell'Oro and his fiancée Adele Freedman, who were caught in the earthquake. It's the story of travelers intent on going to the other side of the fence and experiencing a culture for themselves and breaking down boundaries.

It's also the story of the Iranian people's unflinching generosity in the face of absolute adversity. The film's message to the viewer is that it shouldn't take a catastrophe to bring human beings together across boundaries – but when it does, we should learn from it. Most importantly, the documentary shows viewers the Iran that some do not know. And wherever it is shown, it is making a difference. It took the Noor Film Festival by storm, picking up awards for Best Documentary, Best Original Story and Best Director.

Screenings around the United States, from the Washington National Cathedral to Harvard, are producing stunning responses – like this from Bruce Laingen, a senior US diplomat held prisoner for 444 days during the Iranian Hostage Crisis of 1979. 'This is a very moving film,' he said. 'It is poignant. It is very effective in getting its message across: that we are all one people, wherever we live, whatever we do, particularly in the face of tragedy.' This is a message which is desperately needed, perhaps now more than at any other point in our history.

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