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## SYNOPSIS

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### **between father & son**

Dr. Shahnour Sahiner lives in Istanbul. He is a medical doctor and an Armenian educator. In his 80's, he is gradually losing his memory. His son, the filmmaker, lives in Boston and visits his father regularly. The filmmaker's own son is growing up in Paris. The filmmaker keeps a record.

How to remember these repetitive yet fleeting moments Between Father and Son? Those trips between Istanbul and Paris? How to distinguish between memory and reconstructed memory? What does a person remember when he has forgotten his own sons?

**between father & son** is a film in two parts. Part one reveals the slow reckoning with loss of memory. Part two reveals the immediacy of the present moment. An intimate expression of unspoken parental love; a reflection on personal identity, culture, Armenian heritage, and the impact of the passage of time.

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## BRIEF BIO

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### ara sahiner

Ara Sahiner was born in 1953, in Istanbul, Turkey, to Armenian parents. He studied Business Administration at the American University in Istanbul. He emigrated to Paris, France in 1972 and worked there as a travel organizer.

In 1984, he moved to Boston and studied Filmmaking at Boston University. After graduation with a M.S. degree he worked for a variety of Boston media companies as a freelance film/video editor and production person. In 1992, he became Senior Producer for Harvard-Smithsonian Science Media Group. There he produced approximately 90 hours of original educational programming geared toward an audience of science teachers.

In 1996 he co-designed and originated the Annenberg/CPB Channel (which broadcasts educational programming via satellite, 24 hours a day, 7 days a

week to schools, colleges and communities). From 1996 to 2000 he acted as the Executive Producer of the channel. Programs he produced won many national and international media and education awards.

Mr. Sahiner's most recent film, **between father & son**, marks a step in his career towards independent production and a more personal narrative in filmmaking. He presently lives in Paris.

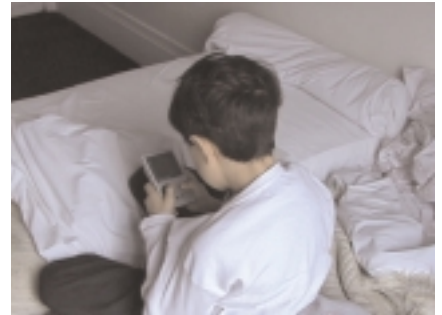
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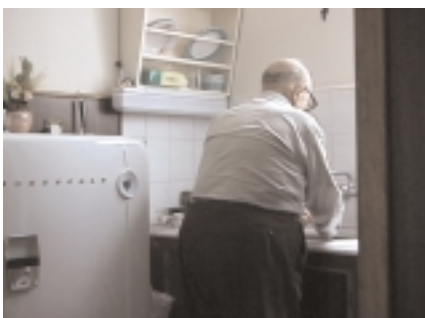


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## CREDITS

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### Music

Alan Hovhaness/Marvin Rosen, piano

from *Fred The Cat* and *Visions of a Starry Night*

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Komitas/The Men's Choir of St Gayane Cathedral, Yerevan, Armenia

from *Divine Liturgy*

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Phil Jacob, Pierre Chartrand, Valérie Chartrand and Norvan Sahiner

### Sound Mix

Jean-Marc Schick/L'Atelier Sonore, Paris

### Camera, Sound, Editing

Ara Sahiner

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**English title** *Between Father & Son*

**French title** *Entre père & fils*

**Language** Armenian

**Subtitles** French or English

**Length** 52'40"

**Master** BetaSP or DigiBeta - Pal or NTSC

**Origin** MiniDV, DVCAM, 16mm film, Color

**Completed** June 2002

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