Hossein and Shaima, who have known and loved each other since childhood, were separated as teenagers by war in Afghanistan. Today, reunited in Kabul, they remain deeply in love, but their relationship is socially and religiously prohibited. The film also discusses the prospects of marriage for Shaima’s sisters within a culture in which daughters are virtually bought and sold, a tradition in which they are unable to pursue their own romantic desires but must submit to a marriage arranged by their father. War and Love in Kabul thus reveals the broader context of family life in a deeply traditional society, one in which the chances of personal happiness are very small.

Director: Helga Reidemeister       Run Time: 86 minutes
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