



In 2009, Aboud Chalhoub left his home in Damascus in order to try to find work in Egypt to support his family.

Little did he know that it was only the beginning of a much longer journey that would take him to Turkey and through most of Europe on foot.

That decision kickstarted not only a journey with extremely high stakes, but also a documentary film by director and journalist Matthew Cassel who decided to travel with Aboud and his younger brother along the perilous Balkan route to the Finnish capital, Helsinki, for a UN Cinema screening of “The Journey” in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and the Global Migration Film Festival.

