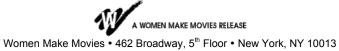
Four wives one man

a film by Nahid Persson



"Offers a poignant and occasionally hilarious glimpse into an institution rarely seen from the outside – marriage." Sky Sitney Dir. of Programming, SILVERDOCS



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From Nahid Persson, the filmmaker of the awardwinning *Prostitution Behind the Veil*, comes an intimate portrait of a polygamist family in a rural Iranian village. Persson reveals the intricacies of the relationships between the four wives, their husband, their astoundingly free-spoken motherin-law and their numerous children. Sometimes humorous and often heartbreaking, this film follows the daily lives of the wives whose situation has turned them into both bitter rivals and coconspirators against their abusive husband.

Persson's camera unobtrusively and beautifully captures the range of the family's interactions – from peaceful, pastoral scenes of a family picnic, to the temporary chaos caused by a broken faucet in the kitchen, to a furtive, whispered conversation between two wives about the latest beating. The women's work – making bread, weaving carpets, milking and herding the sheep – provide the background to their frank conversations. Avoiding sensationalism and sentimentality, this film provides unique insights into the practice of polygamy and its effect on the women involved.

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Born in Iran, Nahid Persson immigrated to Sweden in the 1980's. After studying microbiology, she founded a local radio station. In 1993, Persson began her filmmaking career and enrolled at Film- och TV Skolan. Her film, *Prostitution Behind the Veil*, won first prize at the Marseille Festival International du Documentaire.

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