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Audience feedback: The President's Cake

22 people responded. The breakdown and comments are listed below.

'Excellent': 3 votes

- As always poor and children who suffer the most.
- Thank you for a challenging film

'Very Good': 12 votes

- Not sure about the Guardian's "Sugary" review. What it means to survive in a country under international sanctions (as usual, it's the ordinary people, not the narcissistic President, who suffer) – 100+ mins of the exploitation of women and children & futile bartering.
- Very touching. Lamia's resilience in a life so tragic.
- Well made. A view of life we don't know much about. Good acting & nice music.
- The child actors were amazing. Good film.
- Not sure why it was seen as cream cakeish! Relentless & absorbing & a depiction of a horrendous collapsing society.
- Showed the culture well, and the horrors of war. Amazing young actors.
- Clever to use the cake as a device to explore all the ingredients that make up Iraqi society. Fascinating to see how such a different society works: yet the outside forces affecting it are as criminal as ever.
- A fascinating glimpse into the privations of life in Iraq under Saddam's autocratic rule. An engaging performance from Lamia, eclipsed arguably only by that cockerel!
- A charming film: a glimpse into so many lives, and the innocence of childhood. Lamia in future boat person' rescue by the lifeboat off Dover one day!?
- Suitable reminder of what we supported.
- Great start to the season – loved the rooster.
- What real poverty, stolen innocence & no future looks like. Fantastic cinematography.

'Good': 7 votes

- Very thought provoking film.
- An engaging and authentic film! Deeply moving.
- Very thought provoking – realise how children suffer in war. Are sanctions justified?
- ? Genocide. Who was doing the killing? USA or Saddam?

'Satisfactory': 0 votes / 'Poor': 0 votes