About the Film: “Excuse My French”

“Excuse My French” (“Lamoakhza”) by Amr Salama

Egypt, 2014

Comedy. In Arabic with English subtitles

Running time: 100 minutes

Brief summary of the film (no spoiler): Following a family tragedy, Hany, a Coptic Christian boy is suddenly forced to leave his comfortable private school and go to a public school. From a different social class and religious background than his new classmates, he tries every method he can think of to fit in, including pretending to be a Muslim.

Audience appeal: Teenagers will identify with Hany’s struggles to make friends and fit in at a new school. They may need some help understanding why the school officials react in such a placating manner when Hany experiences bullying.

For an article about the release of the film in Egypt, see:

For a trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WH2xmxE8FUg