

## **KALAVRYTA – PEOPLE AND SHADOWS**

### LOGLINE - SYNOPSIS

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### SUMMARY

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### **CREW**

DIRECTOR – SCREENWRITER – PRODUCER: ELIAS GIANNAKAKIS

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## BIOGRAPHY

**Elias Giannakakis** (born in 1968) is a film director, screenwriter and producer of fiction and documentary films.

He has directed over one hundred documentaries tackling a variety of subject matters. He is a regular collaborator of the television arts and culture documentary series, Paraskinio (formely on ET1), since 2000.

He has shot two fiction films, “Alemaya”(2004) and “Joy” (2012).

## FILMOGRAPHY

2014	“Kalavryta – People and Shadows”	Documentary	111 min.
2012	“Joy”	Feature film	80 min.
2011	“St George – Lycabettus”	Documentary	45 min.
2009	“Forever Champions” 15 episodes for SKAI TV	Documentary	15X45 min.
2008	“Makronissos – Exile Island”	Documentary	103 min.
2008	“Shadows and Light” 6 episodes for the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ET1)	Documentary	6X50 min.
2006	“What is our country?”	Documentary	50 min.
2004	“Yannis Kouros – Forever Running”	Documentary	74 min.
2004	“Alemaya”	Feature film	101 min.
2000-2012	35 episodes for the TV series “Paraskinio” of the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ET1)	Documentary	35X50 min.