Kholoud Sawaf

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DIRECTING – PROFESSIONAL

Much Ado About Nothing
Hudson Valley Shakespeare (T.Y.A)
10,000 Balconies- Adaptor/Director
TheatreSquared (Workshop Production)

Vietgone TheatreSquared
Merci Maurer (devised) ArkansasStaged

Summer 840 (musical) Performing Arts Program, UAE
Gilgamesh (co-devised/co-directed) Performing Arts Program, UAE
Damascus: A Red Rose (adaptation) Al-Qabbani Theatre, Syria

READINGS & WORKSHOPS

Rafiq (June, 2020) Olney Theatre Center (Workshop)
The Bake-Off Series Hudson Valley Shakespeare

Veils ArkansasStaged
Butte Block Street Co.

Theatre For One (2018) University of Arkansas

Noor Theatre 48- Hour Festival (2018)

The 48 Hours Festival

Noor Theatre

Forgiveness (world premiere) Performing Arts Program, UAE

DIRECTING – UNIVERSITY

The Chairs Kimpel Studio (U of A)

Veils Global Campus

V is for Violin (world premiere) Kimpel Studio (U of A) A Doll's House Kimpel Studio (U of A)

ASSISTANT DIRECTING (Selected Credits)

VietgoneDir. May AdralesManhattan Theatre ClubVietgoneDir. May AdralesOregon Shakespeare FestivalCymbelineDir. Tina PackerShakespeare & CompanyLove's Labor's LostDir. Ian BelknapHudson Valley ShakespeareThe General from AmericaDir. Penny MetropulosHudson Valley Shakespeare

GRANTS & AWARDS

Doris Duke Foundation: \$250,000 grant in collaboration with TheatreSquared.

Drama League: Classical Fellow (2017).

Manhattan Theatre Club: Jonathan Alper Directing Fellow (2016). Oregon Shakespeare Festival: Fair Program Assistantship (2016).

Pangea World Theatre: National Directing Institute & Ensemble Creation (2018).

University of Arkansas: Guest lecturer, adapting classical material.

University of Arkansas: Guest lecturer, leading a directing career in the U.S. Spring, 2020.

University of Arkansas: Guest lecturer, devising new material, Fall, 2019.

TheatreSquared: Guest lecturer, Summer Camp, 2019.

Coastal Carolina University: Guest artist for a lecture about being a Middle Eastern Artist in America-

(Between Reality & Representation).

Khobz Theatre Group: A series of workshops in aesthetic and different practices (Damascus, Syria).

Stage Directors & Choreographers: Associate Member.

Nhna Cultural Group (Damascus, Syria): Consultant.

CAREER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Stage Directors & Choreographers: Member on a research panel for a new SDC Grant.

Sundance Institute: Judge Committee Member for Theatre Lab (2019).

Famous for 15 Minutes Festival: Judge Committee Member (2017).

AEA Consulting & General Cultural Authority (Saudi Arabia): Interpreter/translator & Cultural.

consultant for artistic sector improvement as part of 2030 Vision for Saudi Arabia.

Performing Arts Program (AUS): Administrative Assistant & Associate Artist. (2012).

Syrian Art Production International: Documentary Department Founder & Director (2009 – 2012).

Freelance Video & sound editor (skilled in Adobe Premier)

Al Jazeera T.V.: Live Directing Internship (2008):

Al Jazeera Documentary (Qatar): Islam in China (Local Producer in Syria).

Kanakna Productions (Belgium): The Pilgrims Code (Local Producer in Syria).

Addounia T.V. (Sama TV.): Live T.V Director (2009 - 2012)

FILM & T.V. EXPERIENCE

Haneen (2008), director & editor- Finalist for Al Jazeera Documentary Short Films competition (2009). *My Mother* (2008), director & editor. American University of Shariah.

A Date to Remember (2008), director & editor, American University of Sharjah.

Freedom Isn't Free (2008), director & editor, American University of Sharjah.

AUS: The Pioneering Decade (2008), director & editor, American University of Sharjah.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

M.F.A. in Directing, University of Arkansas (2015).

B.A. in Mass Communication, American University of Sharjah (2009).

Shakespeare Training – Tina Packer (2017).

Folio Technique – Steven Marzolf (2015-2016).

Viewpoints Technique - Jen Waldman (2015).

Laban Technique - Steve Pacek (2015).

LANGUAGES

Native Arabic speaker Fluent in English