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FILM AND TELEVISION

	Load Dansan	Die Zubeistelsbeschuster Dubei	2022
KC Hamada "Yoghurt Freestyle" MV	Lead Dancer	Dir. Zuhair Lokhandwala; Dubai	2023
(Opened for Kendrick Lamar F1 Concert)			
Felukah "Dance With Me" MV	Choreographer/Dancer	Dir. Public Yemeni	2023
Kiosk "Aftab Parast" MV	Choreographer/Dancer/Actor	Dir. Arash Sobhani	2023
Ashley Zarah "Kelas Shuru Shod" MV	NYC Dancer	Dir. Christabelle Tan	2023
Perdida en Tu Juego MV (NFFTYFLM)	Dancer	Dir. Palmer Wells	2023
White Girl	Writer/Director	Dir. Sofia Mahdavi	2023
Azadi is Loading	Lead Actor/Dancer	Dir: Sofia Mahdavi	2023
Kyro Al Bedaya MV	Choreographer/Dancer	Dir. Sofia Mahdavi	2024
Ahyoka "Not Today" MV	Lead Actor (Women's Rights Symbol)	Dir. Lola Kokhanova; Dubai	2023
Metamorphosis	Lead Dancer/Actor	Dir. Sofia Mahdavi, Hello Self Project	2020
Breathe	Supporting Dancer/Actor	Dir: Sofia Mahdavi & Mayumi Rhone	2020
Un Paseo MV	Supporting	Dir. Anahita Von Adrian	2023
In the Margins ft SYTYCD ALUMNI	Lead Dancer	Dir: Sofia Mahdavi	2018
Burnout	Bella	Dir. Ariana Montoya	2023
Gentefied	Yessika Castillo	Latinx Artists Collective	2020
Lizz Picini Performance Project	Dancer	Dir. Valerie Kosnevich and Jordan Ryder	2022
Redbull UAE Dance Your Style Battle	Semi Finalist	Bhype Studios Dubai	2023
Purgatory	Supporting	Dir. Ryan Russo	2020
We Wait	Dancer/Choreographer	Dir. Sofia Mahdavi	2020
JUNGLE	Featured/Supporting		2019
		Dir. Olympia Spivey, Pulse Dance Project	
Yeah Yeah Yeah	Lead	Dir. Quinn Marshall, Pulse Dance Project	2019
Body Image Iran: A Documentary	Narrator	Dir. Sofia Mahdavi, Hello Self Project	2017

THEATRE AND STAGE

In the Stillness of Night (The Play)	Mahboubeh	Dir. Shadi Ghaheri, The Tank	2024
Laylit: Arab/SWANA music event	Dancer	Saphe Shamoun	2024
Meet Me Between Tehran & Mbabane	Lead Dancer/Actor, Choreographer	Dir: Nava Derakhshani, Culture Lab LIC	2023
Vanity	Mary Anne, Ensemble, Dance Captain	Dir: Edoardo Tesio, Triskelion Arts	2021
Amrika	Watfa	Dir. Lina Abyad, Tisch Drama Stage	2022
Club NYC Aug '23 and Jan '24	Lead Dancer	Dir. Charles Smith, 3 Dollar Bill	2023
Moon on Sagittarius	Lead Dancer	Dir. Vive K./Shmulik Stell, Red Pavillion	2023
Azadi Festival: Ashley Zara	Lead Dancer	Dir. Unite and Conquer	2023
To Pimp a Butterfly	Choreographer	Dir: Kalonjee Gallimore, Tisch Drama Stage	2022
Playing With Nature	Lead Dancer/Choreographer	Warehouse 421; Abu Dhabi	2023
Mariposa	Choreographer	Dir. Brittney Quiroz and Ariana Montoya	2023
How To Make Friends and Then Kill Them	n Ada	Dir: Sofia Mahdavi, Atlantic Acting School	2021
Temporary People	Secret Cast	Dir. Laila Soliman, The Arts Center NYU Abu Dhabi	2023
Offstage: Your Story Your Voice	Soloist Dancer	Dir. Zoe Lillis, Tisch New Theatre	2021
Village Voices and Jazz Choir Concert	NYU Jazz Choir, Soloist	Dir: Janis Siegel, Frederick Loewe Theatre	2019
Almost, Maine	Норе	Dir. Ravi Schwartz, West 14 th Theatre Company	2020
Laylit	Dancer	Dir. Saphe Shamoun	2024
Andy Madadian	Dancer	Capital One Hall	2024
All American Immigrants	Immigrant Mother	Dir. Sofia Mahdavi, Site Specific: Bethesda Terrace	2021
Oklahoma!	Ali Hakim	Dir. Jeannine Marquie & Leigh Scarritt, Canyon Crest Academy Envision Theatre	2019
The Switch	Felicity	Dir. Avery-Claire Nugent, CCA Envision Theatre	2018
Stuck: A New Musical	Narrator/ Mademoiselle Metz u/s	Dir. Parmer Fuller, USC & CCA Envision Theatre	2018
Mystifique: A Devised Production	Raven	Dir. Blake McCarty, Blindspot Collective/ Diversionary Theatre	2017
Sweet Charity	Delilia/ Lead Dancer	Dir. Jeannine Marquie & Leigh Scarritt, CCA Envision Theatre	2016

Soloist Ali Hakim Delila/ Lead Dancer Agni (Lead Dancer/Cirque Artist)

TRAINING

<u>NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Tisch School of the Arts: BFA Drama 2023</u> (Producing Minor) Stonestreet Studios, Experimental Theater Wing, Atlantic Acting School

- VOICE: Katie Bull, Jonathan Hart, Ceci Fernandez (VO), Lisa Sokolov
- DANCE/ MOVEMENT: Bradley Ellis, Lorenzo Pisoni (CIRCUS), Ani Taj
- ACTING: Mary McCann, Catherine Coray, Scott Zigler, Anya Saffir, Jessica Frey, Andy Arden, Andy Schneeflock, Elia Monte Brown
- FILM ACTING AND PRODUCTION: Cormac Bluestone, Rebecca Yarsin, Gil Zabarsky, Malcolm Mills, Michael Warner, Jen McCabe

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Steinhardt Vocal Performance: Devon Meddock, Dylan Pramuk & Janis Siegel (jazz)

PROFESSIONAL DANCE TRAINING (Jazz Funk, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, MT, Ballet, Heels, Jive, Samba, Cha Cha, Rumba, Arab):

Eighty Eight Studios, DWP Academy, Studio FX, BDC, Brickhouse NYC, Mary Murphy's Champion Ballroom, Peridance: Jonathan Sison, Alekz Samone, Rachel Sebastian, Travis Wall, Kenny Wormald, Lizz Picini, Robyn Shifren, Scott Fowler, Olga Ginzburg, Julian DeGuzman, Mini Zhang, Lyrik Cruz, Esosa Oviasu, Dana Alexa, Gio Jarlainne. Lisa Quama.

NYU Tisch Dance Residency Select. Pulse Dance Project. 110 Competitive Dance Team: Christian Lumba, Julian Sena.

Brickhouse NYC, Modega, Gramercy Dance NYC Faculty Member

AWARDS

Sweet Charity and Oklahoma!	National Youth Arts Awards for Best Musical	2016 and 2019	
Rhythmic Gymnastics	All Around Gold Medalist- Salut Cup Int'l Canada2016		
Rhythmic Gymnastics	All Around Regional Champion	2014, 2015, 2016	

SKILLS: Professional Rhythmic Gymnast & Int'I Coach, MENA Artists Initiative Founder/Director, Filmmaker, Accents, Nonprofit Founder

ARTISTIC DIRECTION/ CURATION

2022-Present

MENA Artists Initiative- Founder/Director

The Vagrant Trilogy Panel Discussion w/ Mona Mansour, Osh Ashruf, Mark Wing-Davey, Hadi Tabbal

The Persian Version NYC Premiere and Talkback Series w/ Maryam Keshavarz (Sundance 2x Winner), Anne Carey (Academy Award Nominee), Rostam Batmanglij (Grammy Award Winning)

Guest Artists Series: Dave Merheje, Laith Nakli, Soukaina Alaoui El Hassani, Zizi Majid

Zizi Majid Play Workshop/Reading

Abu Dhabi Censoring Identity Showcase

Partnership w/ Lameece Isaaq "A Good Day to Me Not to You"

Partnership w/ Cine Movil NYC "Two" Elia Suleiman Screening

Partnership with Anonymously Iran at Culture Lab LIC

Get Down for Gaza (MARCH 2024) w/ One Society, Bgirl Ciity, Redbull, Rock and Write, Camps Breakerz

Roundtable Industry Panel Event (with MENA Arts Advocacy and Muslim Public Affairs Council) APRIL 2024

MENA Music Festival ft. Laylit, Haza Party, No Nazar, MJLS, Yalla! Party, Universal Arabic Music, Between East, Scene Noise... FUTURE

2017-2021

Hello Self Project - Founder/Director

Raising awareness towards eating disorders and promoting body positivity through various artistic projects and an online community

2018-2020

Dancers Without Borders - Board Member

Raising awareness towards immigration issues with dance projects between Tijuana, MX and San Diego, CA