

# Ahmed Moneka

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Canadian Actors' Equity Association

## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theoretical Acting *University of Baghdad, 2015* Baghdad, Iraq
- Diploma, *Institute of Fine Arts, 2011* Baghdad, Iraq
- Vocalist **Specialty in Maqam** (Arabic musical scale) *Institute of Fine Arts in Baghdad*
- Soulpepper Academy *2021 Soulpepper Theatre Company*

## MUSIC / BANDS

### **Moneka Arabic Jazz** Arabic/Jazz/funk

- project created in Toronto in 2018 by Ahmed Moneka

TD Toronto Jazz festival	Yorkville Cumberland stage
Luminato Festival	David Pecaut Square
Mississauga Chamber Music	Mississauga Living Art Center
Festival du Monde Arabe de Montreal	Place des Arts, Montreal
TD Guelph Jazz Festival	Guelph
TD Sunfest	London ON
Small world Fetivela	Fort York
Reclaiming Justice event	Town Hall (University of Toronto)
Aga Khan Museum	Aga Khan Museum
Lula World	Lula World
Tlalli Festival	Hamilton ON
SoFar Sound	May Bar - Lodge on Queen
Taste of the Middle East	Dundas Square
Veg Food Festival	Harbourfront Center
MIX TO	Lynx, Toronto ON
Music Garden	Harbourfront Center

### Music award :

**Stingray Rising Stars Award Winner at the Mundial Montreal in 2022**

**Stingray Rising Stars finalist at the Toronto Jazz Festival in 2019**

### Performances - Collaborations

ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO, Actor / Singer Canadian Opera Company/Wajdi Mouawad 2018  
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, Musical playing Puck / Driftwood Theatre Group 2019  
TafelMusik- Haus Musik Event Poet & Singer / Burdock Music Hall 2019  
OKAN - Album Release Tour / Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal 2019  
Quique Escamilla Concert, Koerner Hall / 2018 - 2019  
Sultans of Strings concert / Toronto Trinity St. Paul's 2019  
Eastern Sound / Aga Khan Museum, Toronto 2018  
Lemon Bucket Orchestra, Opera House 2018 - 2019  
NAMAS, Concert, TIFF 2017

## THEATRE

SPACIOUSNESS	Actor/co-creator/Director	Fort York 2022/2023
KILLING GILGAMESH and the Man Of The Wild	Actor/ co-Creator	Chicago/Newyork/Minneapolis/Toronto 2019/2023
Bengal TIGER AT THE BAGDAD ZOO	Actor	Crow's Theatre 2022
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Musical	playing Puck	Driftwood Theatre Group 2019
IN SUNDRY LANGUAGES	Actor	OTTAWA/Toronto (caminos festival, Fringe fest)
No WOMEN'S LAND	Dancer/ Actor	Jaberi Dance Theatre/Roshanak Jaberi
TELL ME WHAT IT'S CALLED	Actor	Riser Project - Theatre Centre/Ximena Huizi
ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO	Actor/Singer	Canadian Opera Company/Wajdi Mouawad
THIRST (workshop/in development)	Actor	Modern Times Theatre/Soheil Parsa
IN SUNDRY LANGUAGES	Actor	Toronto Laboratory Theatre/Caminos 2017/
ROMEO & JULIET IN BAGHDAD	Romeo	Iraqi Theatre Company/World Shakespeare Festival, UK/Monadhil Daood
SOLIDARITY	Actor	Academy of fine art / National theatre, Badea Nader
NASHAZ	Actor	Street Art Company, Morocco,Iraq/Tahrir Alasadi
THE STREET INCIDENT * +	Actor	Iraqi National Theater,Iraq,Jordan/ Tahrir Alasadi
SECRET SESSION **	Actor	Baghdad Theatre Company,Iraq,Egypt/Alaa Qahtan
VIAGRA	Actor	Iraqi National Theatre,Iraq/ Salah Manci
THE CURTAIN	Actor	Forum of Theatre, Iraq/ Ghassan Smaael

## FILM + TELEVISION

BLIND FERRYMAN	Actor	Independent/ Ali Towfan
HAPPY BAGHDAD	Actor	Independent/A. Arkady, M. Moneka
THE SOCIETY *	Actor	Independent/O. Rasheed
RAZKIYA	Actor	Middle East Production Co./A. Abosaif
MIZAN RAMADAN TV	Presenter	E2M Productions, Lebanon/Various
SLAP	Actor	Independent/S. Manci
REVOLUTION SQUARE	Actor	Independent/A. Adnan
DEVIL IN A WOMAN'S HEART	Actor	Middle East Production Co./A. Naserdeen
BUZZ **	Actor	Independent/H. Hummam
48 HOURS ***	Actor	Independent/H. Jumaa
THE OTHER SIDE +	Actor	Independent/B. Arubae
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET ++	Actor	Independent/M. Moneka
TRY AGAIN	Actor	Independent/M. Moneka

\* Toronto International Film Festival 2015 ShortCuts Selection, Cannes Métrange Court Film Festival 2015 Selection

\*\*Venice Film Festival, Italy

\*\*\*Best Film – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Khaliji Film Festival, 2014; Dubai Film Festival 2014

+Best Film, Baghdad Film Festival, 2013

++ Best Actor – Performance in a Short Movie, Baghdad, Iraq 2010

+++TORONTO JAZZ FESTIVAL 2019 | STINGRAY RISING STARS WINNERS

++++ Dora nominated Outstanding led actor on Bangel Tiger at The Baghdad Zoo

## OTHER

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE	Driftwood Theatre Group/Artistic Director, D. Jeremy Smith
Member of Noteworthy	The Musical Stage & Prime Mover
Member of the SoulpepperAcademy	Soulpepper Theatre Company

## SKILLS + INTERESTS

Drummer and vocalist, Moneka Monologue; Theatre Director and writer, contributing background music to film, Music facilitator Languages: Arabic, English