

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

OTHER

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

MUSIC / BANDS

Moneka Arabic Jazz (Arabic/Jazz/Funk) Created in Toronto in 2018 by Ahmed Moneka

2024 International Tours

- Seoul, South Korea
- Nonsan, South Korea
- Rabat, Morocco
- Tanger, Morocco
- Santiago, Chile
- Concepción, Chile
- Valparaiso, Chile
- Picon, Chile
- Drom, New York City

2024 Summer Festivals Tour

- Montreal Jazz Fest
- Saskatchewan Jazz Festival
- Calgary Jazz Festival
- Edmonton International Jazz Festival
- Winnipeg Jazz Fest
- Halifax Jazz Festival
- Nuits d'Afrique (Montréal)
- Ottawa Chamberfest
- National Art Center (Ottawa)
- Harbourfront Center (Toronto)
- Sherbrook Music Festival (Quebec)
- TD Toronto Jazz Festival 2019 / 2024

2024 BC Spring Tour

- Campbell River
- Victoria Island
- Vancouver
- Kelowna

Major Festivals 2023 - 2020

- Luminato Festival, David Pecaut Square
- Mississauga Chamber Music, Mississauga Living Art Center
- Festival du Monde Arabe de Montréal, Place des Arts, Montreal
- TD Guelph Jazz Festival, Guelph
- TD Sunfest, London ON
- Small World Festival, Fort York
- Reclaiming Justice Event, Town Hall (University of Toronto)
- Aga Khan Museum
- 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 Awards

- Juno Nomination**: Global Music Album of the Year 2025
- 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

- KILLING GILGAMESH and the Man Of The Wild: Actor/Co-Creator/Composer, Chicago/New York/Minneapolis/Toronto/Halifax (2019/2023/2025)
- SPACIOUSNESS: Actor/Co-Creator/Director, Fort York, 2022/2023
- 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, Jaber Dance Theatre/Roshanak Jaber
- 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
- ROMEO & JULIET IN BAGHDAD**: Romeo, Iraqi Theatre Company/World Shakespeare Festival, UK/Monadhil Daood
- SOLIDARITY: Actor, Iraqi 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

Honey Bunch	Actor	Independent/ Dusty Mancinelli, Madeleine Sims-Fewer
Herald	Actor	Independent/ Sandro Pehar
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

SKILLS + INTERESTS

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