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Awards and Recognition

- **Super Achiever Award @** World Women's Leadership Congress India - 2020
- Stylist Arabia **Top 50 Inspirational and Influential Women in the UAE** - 2017
- **"Goalkeeper"** at Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Sustainable Development Goals Conference NYC - 2017
- Emirates Woman Magazine **"Artist of the Year" UAE** - 2016
- Recipient of the **"Young Arab Award" for Entertainment UAE** - 2016

Education and Training

- Four Worlds **Online Talking Circle Facilitation 4-Month Seminar** by Chief Brother Phil Lane
- **Feldenkrais** Somatic Education Practitioner training in San Sebastian, Spain-- *ongoing* 2013-2018
- Training with **La Pocha Nostra** on *Identity and Crossing Borders* lead by Guillermo Gomez-Peña 2011
- 2010 *Magna Cum Laude* Graduate of **Columbia College Chicago**- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre
Emphasis in Acting

Experience

- **Songwriter for AR Rahman** "Why? The Musical" - Expo 2020 Dubai
- VibeLab *"Artists Impacted by Covid 19" Field Survey* (Jordan) - **Research Assistant**, March 2021
- Boopin Pitch @ Louvre Abu Dhabi RFP- **Creative Consultant**, Nov 2020
- *Oasis Desert Mind Meld*- Qasr Al Sarab 2018 – **Event Planner** – 4 Day Technology/Economics Conference
- *Mother of the Nation* Festival – Abu Dhabi 2016 – **Curator** – Mamemo Pavilion on HH Sheikha Fatima Bint Mubarak
- Xcellence Plus 2015 – training in drama, improvisation, presentation and pitch-making for **First Gulf Bank** and **Dubai Petroleum** employees
- **Corporate Role Play Training**– Dubai 2012-2015- Facilitated experiential, drama-based learning though for employees of Clyde&Co, **Dubai Airports**, and **Barclays Bank**

Teaching

- *"Earth:beART Retreat"* @ Grassroots Village UAE, 2024
- *"Art, Allyship & Activism"* @ Movement Towards Liberation Online, 2024
- *"Write Yourself"* @ LIVINC Jordan, 2023
- *"Systems Thinking"* @ Private Nature Retreat Spain, 2022
- *"Write Yourself"* @ PAL Arts Festival UK, 2022
- **The Spiral Sessions**- Online courses 2021- to present
- *"Art in Action"*- Online courses 2021
- *"Autobiographical Art"* **NYU AD J-term intensive @ FeynanEco Lodge Jordan**, 2019
- **"Time Banking"** @ Mystic Earth Festival Jordan, 2019
- Nasab Ramadan *"Write Yourself"* Workshops UAE, 2019
- *"Write Yourself"* @ Liverpool Arab Arts Festival UK, 2019
- *"Find Your Voice"* @ Liverpool Arab Arts Festival UK, 2019
- *"Art as Expression"* workshop for the Yemeni female diaspora @ LAAF UK, 2019
- *"Write Yourself"* @ **Retreat in Pisac, Peru**, July 2018
- Sustainability @ KHDA Saturday Club Dubai, UAE, 2018
- 1-day *"Capoeira and Time Banking"* for **KHDA's** Sustainability Saturday Club, Dubai 2017
- 1-day on *"The Work That Reconnects"* for Taijitu House of Om, Dubai 2017
- *Acting and Improvisation for Public Speaking*- **Dubai Petroleum, First Gulf Bank UAE 2016**
- 1-day on *Acting & Directing Actors* - Arab Film Studio Competition 2015, Image Nation Abu Dhabi
- *Acting and Improvisation for Youth* at **Haya Cultural Center** in Amman, Jordan 2014
- 2-month **Drama Therapy Program for UAE children with Autism, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Court 2013**
- 2-day *Acting workshop* at **Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Center**, Malaysia 2013
- 1-day *Creating a Stage Character* for Rock Camp for Girls- UAE 2012



- *Modeling and Audition Techniques* for youth at Yasmin Talent Center, Dubai 2012
- Ongoing private classes with professionals to teach *public speaking, voice over* 2012-2021

Speaker, Panelist, Moderator, Jury

- “*Art as Activism: Voices, Visions and Values?*” @ Doha Firestation- **Panelist**- Qatar, 2024
- Global Live Med - **Moderator** - "*SDG 11 - Mediterranean Rhapsody: Rethinking our Cities*" - Greece, 2023
- Global Live Med - **Panelist** - "*SDG 16 - Give Peace a Chance*"- Greece, 2023
- Athens Democracy Forum - **Speaker** - "*Poetry > Politics*" - Greece, 2023
- Art for Tomorrow Conference 2023 - **Panelist** - "*Gender in the Arts: Crises and Correctives*"- Italy, 2023
- Unfinished Democracy Conference 2023- **Speaker** - "*Poetry > Politics*"- Romania, 2023
- Qatar Creates - **Panelist** - "*The Stories They Tell: Arab Women in the Arts*"- Qatar, 2022
- Doha Women's Forum - **Speaker** - "*Women in Action on Climate Change*"- Qatar, 2022
- Khoury Conversations: ‘*Peter Beinart: A Jewish Case for Equality in Israel- Palestine*’- **Panelist**- Online, 2020
- “*Personal Pathways to Success*” TYG @ Pullman- **Panelist** - UAE, 2018
- TEDxSPJain Dubai - **Speaker**- UAE, 2018
- TEDxYouth Weekend at Cambridge High School Abu Dhabi 2016 – **Speaker** - Watch link below
["Babelogue: Reprogramming the Human OS"](#)
- GCC Gov HR Summit 2016 – **Moderator** - "*Winning the War of Talent Management in Challenging Times*"
 and "*The Equality Dialogue*"
- Wolff Olins Creative Agency 2015 – **Speaker** - "*Creative Storytelling*"
- Muslim Protagonist Symposium- Columbia University NY 2015 – **Panelist** - “Narratives of Muslim Women”
Moderator- “Hip Hop and Protest”
- Emirates Airlines Festival of Literature 2015 – **Panelist** - “Is Theatre Flourishing in Dubai?”
- *The Awareness Project* 2015 – **Poet and speaker** - "Poet, know thyself"
- Sikka Art Fair 2012 – **Panelist** - "Role of Citizen as Curator"
- International Theatre Symposium Chicago 2011 – **Respondent** - “Internationalism” Panel Discussion
- ‘Finding your Poetic Voice’ - **Speaker**- GEMS Wellington Academy
- **Jury** on many arts competitions, including: Emirates NBD “Poetry for All” Competition, Girls Symposium, Canadian University Dubai, Short + Sweet Festival, WAY, and more

Charity and Advocacy Events

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| ➤ <i>Gaza in Our Hearts</i> - ANERA and Dubai Cares Fundraiser, UAE, 2025 | ➤ <i>My Olive Roots</i> , Dubai, 2018 |
| ➤ <i>Stand with Humanity</i> -National Arab American Women’s Association and UNRWA, Virginia, 2024 | ➤ <i>Medicus Mundi Guatemala</i> , Bilbao, 2017 |
| ➤ <i>Oumsiyeh Ramadaniyya</i> - An Evening with Dr Ghassan Abu Sitta Event, UAE 2024 | ➤ <i>SNIFF Animal Shelter</i> , Dubai, 2017 |
| ➤ <i>Locals for Local</i> - Fundraiser, Qatar, 2023 | ➤ Jordan Informal Tent Settlement Distribution, Mafraq, 2017 |
| ➤ <i>Palestine Solidarity Campaign</i> - Land Day, Online, 2022 | ➤ <i>Tkijet Um Ali</i> , Amman, 2017 |
| ➤ <i>Cuba Artists Solidarity</i> , Online, 2021 | ➤ <i>Surge For Water</i> , Dubai, 2016 |
| ➤ <i>Arab American National History Month</i> , Online, 2021 | ➤ <i>Inaash</i> , Beirut, 2015 |
| ➤ <i>Lebanese Red Cross</i> , London, 2020 | ➤ <i>Hopes for Women in Education</i> , Amman, 2014 |
| ➤ <i>Build Palestine Conference Closing Performance</i> , Online, 2020 | ➤ <i>Welfare Association for Youth</i> , Dubai, 2014 |
| ➤ <i>Visualizing Palestine</i> , UAE + UK, 2018-20 | ➤ <i>Medical Aid for Palestine</i> , Dubai, 2010 to 2016 |
| ➤ Syrian Refugee March, Spain, 2018 | ➤ <i>Rotaract Club of Jumeirah</i> , Dubai, 2012 |
| | ➤ <i>Clowns Who Care</i> , Dubai, 2011 |
| | ➤ <i>Dramatic Need</i> , Chicago, 2010 |
| | ➤ <i>Palestine Children’s Relief Fund</i> , Dubai, 2008-15 |

Additional CVs

- Dana Dajani [Poetry CV: Solo Performance, Poetry and Music shows, Publications](#)
- Dana Dajani [Performance CV: Theatre, Film, Voice Over, Modeling, Presenting](#)

