



Dana Dajani

Writer . Performer . Activist

Spotlight on Palestine



# On Art & Activism

Since the start of my career as a Performance Artist, I have defined my Values, and created work in alignment with them, knowing that to stick to this course is the truest expression of Success. The container of my creative outreach work was called The Human Spirit Project.

I envision a world in which humanity can enjoy freedom in all its forms. I believe that the return of Palestinians to our homeland, and the peaceful construction of a new paradigm of Equality is a noble and achievable goal in this lifetime. A milestone in a broader mission.

I have used my voice on global stages, and my mind and hands backstage, to produce content and experiences which highlight the resilience of the Palestinian spirit, of the human spirit, and connect audiences in a vision of dignity.

I have shined a spotlight on various organizations, and donated my time to help them present their best foot forward, to reflect their work back to donors and patrons in order to acquire further resources to continue their efforts.

Supporting human or animal rights- an end to hunger, access to clean water, gender equality, education, creative therapy, physical rehabilitation, celebrating the Palestinian identity, greiving, perserving, advocating.. All are various realizations in the process of achieving real Liberty.

The following is a selection of Charity and Social Impact Collaborations I have supported- as gala or event host, guest judge, teacher, performer, or fundraising volunteer.

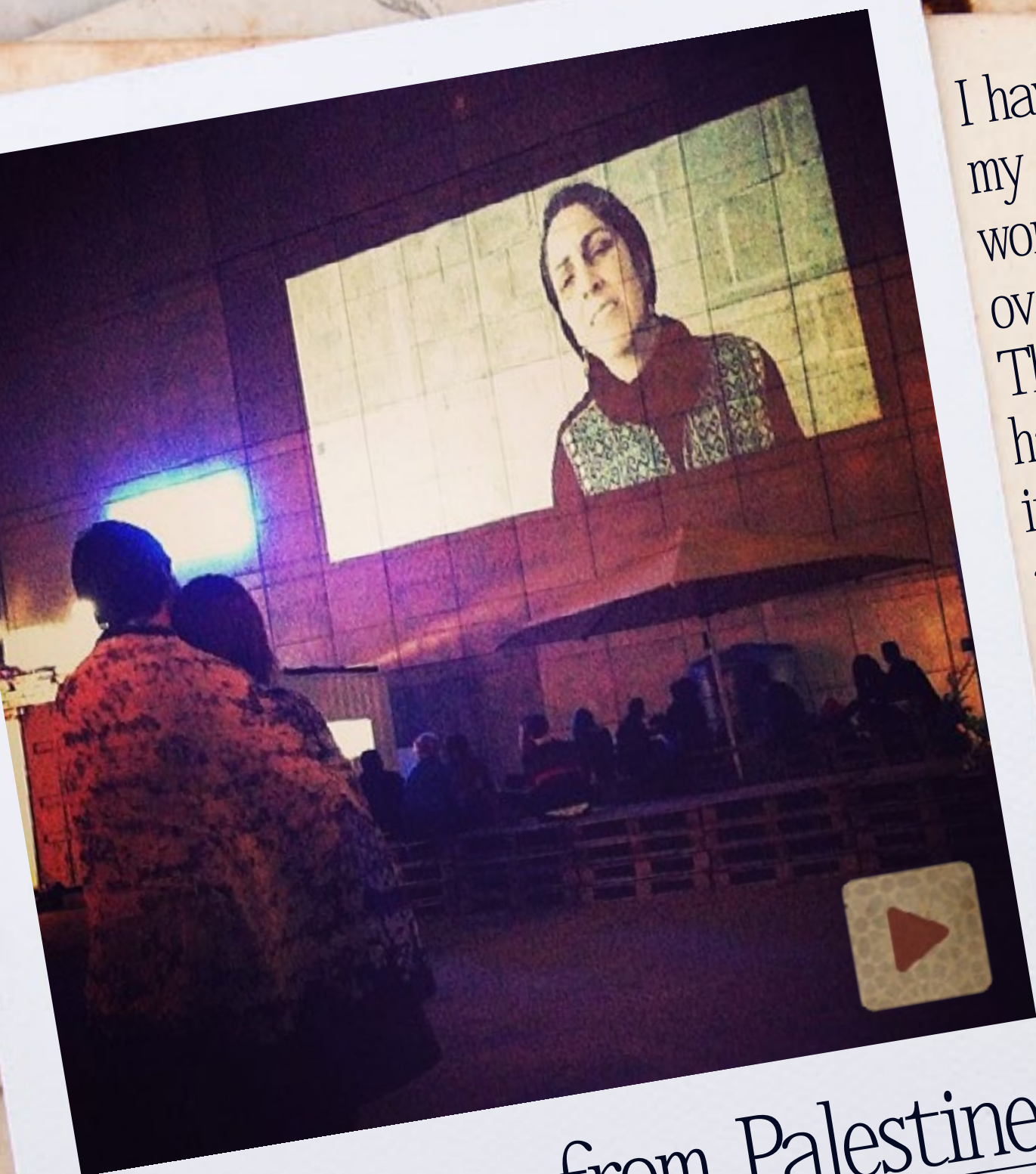
- SNIFF Ramadan show, Dubai 2017
- Ramadan Drive for Syrian Refugees in Jordan 2017
- Tkiyet Um Ali, Amman, 2017
- Surge For Water, Dubai, 2016
- Inaash, Beirut, 2015
- Action Care, Dubai 2013 to 2015
- Hopes for Women in Education, Amman, 2014
- Welfare Association for Youth, Dubai, 2014
- Charity Schools UAE, 2013
- Visualizing Palesting, UAE and UK, 2012 to 2019
- Medical Aid for Palestine, Dubai, 2010 to 2016
- Rotaract Club of Jumeirah, Dubai, 2012
- Clowns Who Care, Dubai, 2011
- Dramatic Need, Chicago, 2010
- Palestine Children's Relief Fund, Dubai, 2008 to 2015

I am tied to this mission for human rights through my Palestinian identity. I continue to create and explore an identity only partially passed on to me. The rest, determined, I self made- tethered to what remains.

*Dana Dajani*



# Art for a Cause



Love Letters from Palestine

I have performed my viral spoken word poem all over the world! The film version has been screened internationally at numerous Palestinian festivals and cultural events, and has even been translated to German!

## London

Feb 2019

I performed a 45-minute set, in an evening organized by Marsm UK.

**Words**  
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**Words**



FROM PROTEST SONGS TO CUNNING SOCIAL INSIGHTS, HUMOUR AND GRIEF, FOUR STELLAR ARTISTS COME TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE POWER OF WORDS AND MEANING.

**DANA DAJANI**  
**FARAH CHAMMA**  
**RAFEEF ZIADAH**  
**JOWAN SAFADI**

was... "a compelling showcase of some of Palestine's most inventive spoken word and musical artists".

I collaborated with Japanese percussionist, Leo Komazawa to create a sonic landscapes for the set, which included a new piece written by Rachel Corrie.

Under the Patronage of H.E. Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan,  
Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development, UAE

**THIS IS PALESTINE**  
A Cultural Week



## Dubai

Mar 2014

**This Is Palestine** - I organized a week-long festival featuring 30 visual artists and 30 performing artists from Palestine and the diaspora. The lineup included film screenings, art exhibition, dance, comedy, hip hop and more!

# Art for a Cause

**MAP**  
MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINIANS

Dubai event raises nearly £3,000 for MAP  
10 January 2013



Dubai  
2010 & 2012

I produced and performed a short play written by Caryl Churchill, **7 Jewish Children**, as a fundraiser for MAP.

**The Real Truth About Palestine**

## Recognizing Palestine

I organized, hosted, and performed among a local lineup in an evening of Palestinian culture to raise support for MAP - Medical Aid for Palestinians in 2012.



FESTIVAL OF  
النسوية  
(WOMANHOOD)

FEATURING  
DANA DAJANI

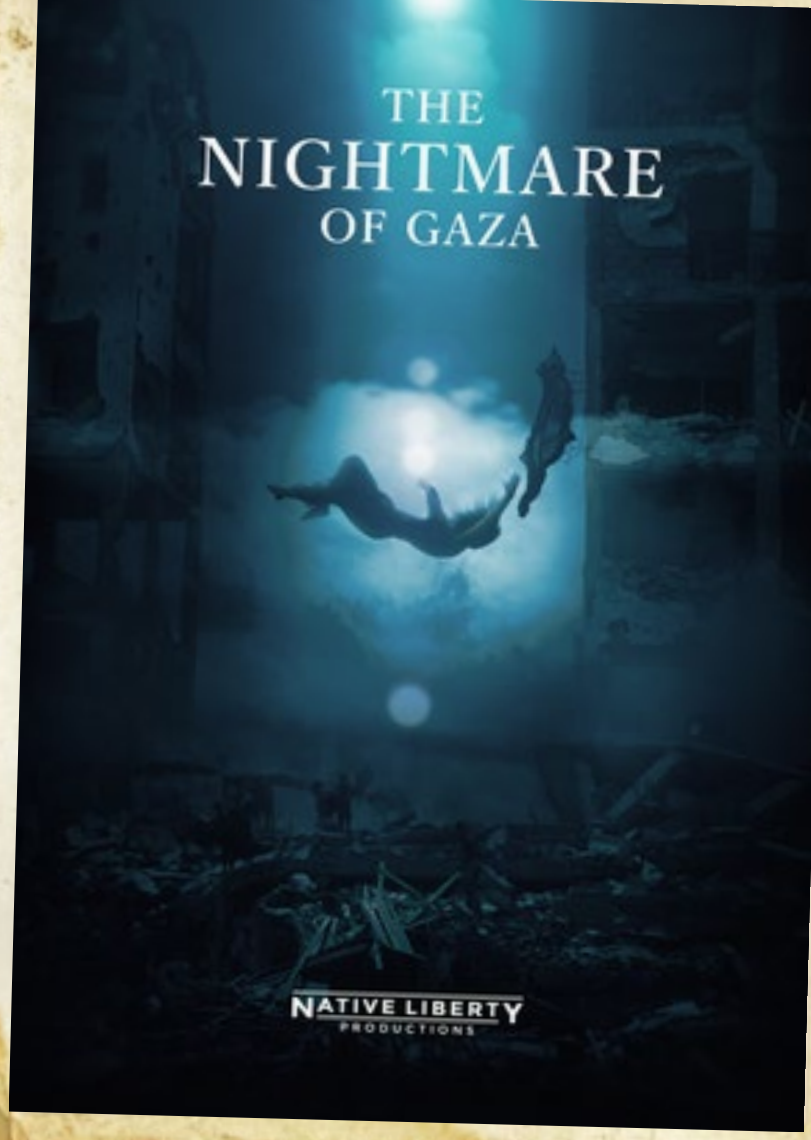
AMNESTY  
FEMINISTS



**Amnesty Feminists UK  
Festival of Womanhood**

London  
Jun 2019

I performed in support of Women in Conflict zones with a spotlight on Palestine.



2018

I acted in Farah Nabulsi's film **Nightmare of Gaza**. The somber and impactful short was originally written and recorded as an audio piece, then given an experimental visual treatment. It has been praised by the likes of Roger Waters and Maya Angelou.

I featured in this viral video by **Visualizing Palestine** and **Kharabeesh**.

The video confronted Danny Ayalon's propaganda and garnered over 500,000 views.

Danny Ayalon responded with a second video.

I continue to support and perform for other Palestinian organizations and initiatives:

- My Olive Roots
- Inaash
- PCRF
- Welfare

Organization for Youth... and more!





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