**MARYEM HASSAN TOLLAR**

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**ACTRA/Canadian Actors’ Equity/TMA**

**LIVE PERFORMANCES**

- Featured vocalist, qanun player, narrator in “Tales of Two Cities – The Leipzig Damascus Coffee House” with Tafelmusik

- Narrator and vocalist in Tafelmusik’s “Safe Haven” (January 2018)

- Featured vocalist in Christos Hatzis’ Syn-Phonia (Migration Patterns) with The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and Inuit Throat singer Tiffany Ayalik

- Featured vocalist in multimedia production “Constantinople” by Christos Hatzis with The Gryphon Trio and Patricia O’Callaghan

- Featured vocalist in Al Qahwa (traditional Arabic and original compositions)

- Featured vocalist in Turkwaz (Turkish, Balkan, Greek, Middle Eastern) (2017 Juno nomination)

- Featured vocalist with Patricia O’Callaghan’s “Songs of Leonard Cohen”

- Featured vocalist and qanun player in The Maryem Tollar Ensemble (2009 Juno nomination)

- Featured vocalist in 2014 Juno Award winning musical ensemble “Odessa Havana”

- Featured vocalist in Michael Occhipinti’s “Sicillian Jazz Project” (2009 Juno nomination)

- George Koller’s “International Divas” Series – 2014

- Michael Wrycraft’s – Kate Bush; Prince, and Peter Gabriel Tribute shows, Hugh’s Room

- Co-composer and Actor in “Peacemaker” by Natasha Greenblatt, December 2011

- Live Composer and Actor in “Nine Parts of Desire” – May 2010 (Dora nomination)

- R. Murray Shafer Dora Award winning opera “The Children’s Crusade”

- Tafelmusik – Of the Song of Songs composed by Christos Hatzis

**SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY**

Al Qahwa – Cairo Moon (2019)

Turkwaz – Nazar (2017 Juno nomination)

Trio Arabica – Al Qahwa (The Coffee House) (2016)

Odessa Havana – Conversation of the Birds (2018)

Odessa Havana – Walk to the Sea (2014 Juno Award – world music)

The Maryem Tollar Ensemble – Cairo to Toronto (2009 Juno nomination)

The Sicillian Jazz Project (2009 Juno Nomination)

Constantinople – (Juno nomination) composed by Christos Hatzis

Nomad (Juno nomination)– Jesse Cook

Guru – Soundtrack to Bollywood movie of same name

The Maryem Tollar Ensemble – Book of Life

Mernie – Flowers of Forgiveness

Maza Meze – Secrets, Moon, Magic

Maza Meze – Hypnotika (Juno nomination)

Maza Meze – Brand New Threads – Songs from Middle Eastern Canada

Maza Meze – unleavened

Doula – In the Garden

The Toronto Tabla Ensemble

**FILM & TELEVISION**

Little Mosque on the Prairie – Theme music (intro & outro) - Singer

 “Mayya Mayya” – hit song by A.R. Rahman in Bollywood movie “Guru”

Secrets – Music Video – ACTOR/Singer/Qanun player – Music by Maryem Tollar

May Day – Documentary/Recreation of Flash Air Plane Crash in Egypt – ACTOR

“Faith Without Fear – Documentary by Irshad Manji’ – Voice Over

Mawal Saba – Music Video – ACTOR/Singer

Omneya/Wish – Music Video – ACTOR/Singer

Ruba Nadda's film "Sabah" by TTG music lab. – Singer

**TRAINING**

VOCAL

Singing Lessons – Arabic Vocal Improvisation – with Majd Sukar – January to June 2018

Bodhran Lessons – Irish Drum – with Mark Kelso – January to June 2018

Vocal Music Additional Qualification (teacher training) – ETFO, February 2014

Singing Lessons with Fides Krucker – January to August 2009

- EGYPT

Arabic Music Lessons with Dr. Alfred Gamil, Cairo, Egypt, December 2002 - March 2003

Singing Lessons with Walaa Hamdy, Cairo, Egypt, December 2002 - March 2003

Singing Lessons with Mohsen Farouk, Cairo Opera House, Cairo Egypt, March & April 2001

Arabic Singing Lessons with Dr. Moustafa Ahmed in Cairo, Egypt, February, March 1998

Qur'anic Recitation with Sheikh Abdullah Bayoumi, Al-Azhar, Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 2000 & Jan. 2001

- SYRIA

Arabic Singing Lessons with Mahmoud Faris in Aleppo, Syria, April, May 1996

- CANADA

International Jazz Workshop with Kenny Werner,Sheila Jordon, Banff Centre - May & June 1999

INSTRUMENTAL

- EGYPT

Oud Lessons with Dr. Atif, Zamalek Music College, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt, January –

April 2001

- SYRIA

Oud Lessons with Abdil Rahim Agin in Aleppo, Syria, April, May 1996

Riqq Lessons with Walid Nurredin in Aleppo, Syria, April 1996

- CANADA

Qanun Lessons with Dr. George Sawa in Toronto since 1994

- USA

Arabic Music Retreat with Simon Shaheen, Dr. Jihad Racy and Marcel Khalife, Dr. Alfred Gamil

South Hadley, Mass, August 1998, 1999 and 2000, 2010, 2011

Riqq Lessons with Rif'at Tannoura in Cairo, Egypt, February, March 1998