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ELISSA - DIANA KRALL - GEORGES WASSOUF - OMAR AL ABDALLAT

Tuesday July 8th

Jerash South Theater



Elissa Khoury, born October 27, 1972, is a Lebanese singer and released her first record in 1988. Her fourth album, *Ahla Donya*, released in 2004, sold over 3,400,000 copies and the fifth, *Bastanak*, had one of the biggest sales in the Middle-East with over 3,700,000 copies. In 2006, she recorded a duet with Cheb Mami.

She appeared in important events namely:

Her performance in the pyramids of Cairo and where she was the only Arabic artist who sang in front of the former president of the United States of America, Bill Clinton in the expo of the Stars Charity Performance. In Dubai with the presence of Queen Rania and the Amir of Dubai, Sheikh Mohamed Ben Rashed.

Her latest album released Ahla Donia in year 2004 has a video of the song Kol Yom Fi Omri. It made a big hit in Arabic music world.

In 2006 she wins the WORLD MUSIC AWARD of arab artist in Monaco !!

Since two anothers albums released

The lastest album out on end 2007 is always Number ONE on arabs charts !!!

www.elissalb.com

Diana Krall was born on November 16, 1964 in Nanaimo, Canada, into a musical family. She began to learn the piano at the age of four. Krall began her recording career in 1993 on Canada's Justin Time label, releasing her first album *Stepping Out*, recorded with bassist John Clayton and drummer Jeff Hamilton, a pair of jazz heavyweights who would remain longtime Krall collaborators.

The debut disc reached Number Three on Billboard's jazz chart and caught the attention of noted producer Carl Griffin and veteran producer and label exec Tommy LiPuma, who signed her to GRP Records and produced her sophomore effort, 1995's *Only Trust Your Heart*. In 1999, her career took off with the album "When I Look In Your Eyes". She won a Grammy award for Best Jazz Vocal Performance and her songs are played by all the radio stations. This album also became the first jazz album in a quarter-century to receive a Grammy nomination for Album of the Year. Krall's crossover success was further reflected in her participation in the historic Lilith Fair tour in 2000.

Krall maintained her expansive musical approach for 2001's *The Look of Love*, a lush collection of ballads and bossa novas featuring arrangements by Claus Ogerman and tracks recorded with the London Symphony Orchestra. The album confirmed Krall's

status as a pop-culture phenomenon, achieving platinum status and reaching Billboard's pop Top 10. Her 2001 performance at the Paris Olympia was released as her first live album, Live In Paris, which once again topped the Billboard jazz chart and earned Krall her second Grammy award.

www.dianakrall.com

George Wassouf was born on December 23, 1961 in Kafroun village in Syria. His father Wadee Wassouf was a poet and he was the one who encouraged George to sing. Because he was brought up listening to the legendary Egyptian diva Um Kalthoum's songs, he always sings her songs at his parties. He is also fond of the late Salih Abdel Hay and Mohamed Abdul Mutaleb and also listens to Warda and Talal Al Maddah songs.

Wassouf has now released over 20 albums and his most famous songs include El Hawa Sultan, Sallamtak Beed Allah, Kalam Ennas, Lissa El Dunya Bikheer, El Hob El Kebeer, Tabeeb Garah, Laiel El Ashekin, El Hob El Awalani and Dul Mush Habayeb.

For the first time this definitive Very Best Of compilation spans the artists entire career to date on the various labels he has recorded with and includes all these songs from Ana Msafer in 1982 to his hit Dul Mush Habayeb from his 2000 released album.

www.wassoufclub.com

The bedouin singer Omar Abdullat is perhaps Jordan's biggest star, known for his patriotic debut "Hashemi, Hashemi." He has been singing professionally since 1988 and has represented Jordan in a number of international music festivals. He has also traveled for concerts in the US and Europe and has also composed for other artists such as the Syrian Asala Nasri and the late Tunisian singer Thikra, as well as a number of Jordanian artists.

THE ALGERIAN NIGHT

Thursday July 10th
Jerash South Theater

THE NATIONAL BARBES ORCHESTRA

FAUDEL



BIYOUNA



KHALED



Faudel, born on June 6th 1978 in Paris, represents the generation of Raï. Known as the little Prince of Raï, he made his first album « *Baïda* » at the age of 18. The Raï-sound he has created with different Oriental Rythms also incorporates Afro-beat, Flamenco-influences as well as elements of Reggae and Rock.

www.faudel.artistes.universalmusic.fr

Biyouna, is an actress, a singer, a performer and a dancer, an icon in Algeria, a colorful, eccentric and generous character. She worked with Nadir Moknèche in the movies « *Viva l'aldjérie* » and « *Delice Paloma* ».

www.visiteursdusoir.com

Khaled is a raï singer-songwrighter and multi-instrumentalist born in Sidi-El –Hourri in Oran Province of Algeria, on the 29 of Frebruary in 1960. He has become probably the most internationally famous algerian singer. His popularity has earned him the unofficial title « King of Raï ».

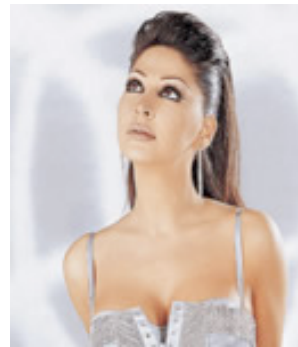
www.khaled-lesite.artistes.universalmusic.fr

People from every corner of Africa have crowded into Barbés, a refuge for exiles that directed Larbi Dida's raï towards Fateh's shaabi, and that brushed Aziz's guimbri up against Youcef's bass. It is encounters such as these that led to the formation of the Orchestra National de Barbés. In English, the name means The National Barbés Orchestra, implying that Barbés is a nation unto itself. It is a sentiment that few who visit the neighborhood would disput.

www.orchestrenationaledebarbes.com

HAYTHAM SHOMALI - FADL SHAKER - YARA

Saturday July 19th
Amman Citadel



Fadel Shaker is a very famous Lebanese singer, born in April, 1969 in Lebanon. In the course of his career, Fadel won many awards in all the Arab countries and, in the space of just four years (1998-2002) became one of the Arab world's greatest living legends. In 2003, his ballad "Ya Ghayeb" was voted the Best Song for that year.

www.fadl-shaker.com

Yara is a young talented artist born in 1983, who has a 4 year experience at the music institute. Yara was distinguished by an outstanding performance and vocal abilities. She made a huge cross over to the gulf area when she released her single "Soudfa" a "khaliji" successful song that the Arab world welcomed and loved even though it was performed by a Lebanese artist. Yara earned a large fan base in the Middle East and is currently preparing more songs in this unique style.

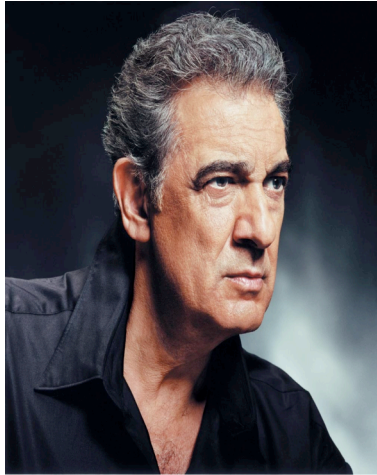
Yara has also performed in numerous festivals in the Arab world such as « *hala febrayir* » in Kuwait and others in Qatar and Dubai which turned out to be a huge success especially with her unique presence.

The media has spoken about the success Yara has achieved in all these festivals. Yara is preparing herself to release two new albums. The first contains songs in the Lebanese and Egyptian accents and the second in the « *khaliji* » accent.

www.musicismylife.com.webloc

Haitham al Shomali a Palestinian Singer. Born in Al Ain, UAE on the 22nd of October and lived there for 4 years. Haitham Participated in the talent show superstar 3, where he made a name for himself in the industry. One of the most popular songs is "Shu emilti fiye".

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Placido Domingo is an opera singer and a conductor, born on January 21, 1941 in Madrid. He is one of the most famous operatic tenors of the last thirty years. He has sung in over 120 opera roles and conducted the Montreal Symphony Orchestra on November 8, 2005.

www.placidodomingo.com

Julia Migenes is one of those opera singers who vocal perfection is equalled by real talent as an actress. She was the unforgettable Carmen in F. Rosi's film, opposite... Placido Domingo.

Her most recent jazz album in 2006, "*Alter Ego*", was a big success.

www.juliamigenes.com

MIKA

Friday July 25th

Dead Sea



Born in Beirut in the mid-80s, Mika is a songwriter, a performer, a producer and a one-man orchestra. Self-taught piano virtuoso, a vocalist of exceptional agility and a born entertainer, music is in Mika's blood.

Mika's is a voice that needs to be heard. Straddling belting refrains with his four-octave range, the boy found himself in Miami, demoing with anyone he could hook up with, in any studio time he could get, for free. He ended up befriending the Bee Gees engineer who was promptly sacked for moonlighting on company time. This is the Mika magic touch. Unafraid to stand alone - because this is what he is used to - his intimate first person and third person storytelling will connect with outsiders while subverting the mainstream from within. Whether eulogising the delights of the larger framed woman on the funk-rock strop of Big Girl (You Are Beautiful), condensing modern sexual peccadilloes on the burlesque Billy Brown, or celebrating the joys of being alive on Love Today, his is a place that pop music is not used to traveling to. Attention to detail. Personal care and attention. Making sure everything is sitting in the right place. These are the watchwords at Mika's heart. His artwork, developed with his older sister Yasmine, is the first key that unlocks his work - And the music will do all the talking. "I can't wait to get playing live. It's where it all comes together for me. You change things, because you have to, it's a different dynamic. I'm looking forward to that. I often get stressed when recording, as it's so full of decision making. You're constantly editing and deciding what should/can stay on the song for ever. I'm looking forward to undoing that in my live sets, and going places where i wouldn't necessarily go on the record!"

www.mikasounds.com

ABDULLAH AL ROWAISHID – HUSSEIN AL SALMAN

Saturday July 26th

Jerash South Theater



Abdallah Al Rowaished was born in 1961 in Kuwait. Rowaished began his solo career in the early 1980's with the release of his first album entitled "Rihalti", which was released in 1983. Rowaished worked with many famous poets and composers such as Khaled El Sheikh. His first album achieved moderate success in the Persian Gulf region. Additionally, Rowaished rendered one of the songs from this album as a music video, one of the first music videos by an Arab singer. To date, he has released over 30 albums, participated in concerts in many countries, including the United States of America, and Canada. He also has opened his own music conservatory in Kuwait, and operates a store as well.

ASSI EL HALANI

Friday August 01st

Amman Citadel



DIANA KARASON



Born on the 28th of november in Baalbeck, lebanon in 1970, Assi Al Halani had performance in many concerts and festivals including The Jarash festival, The Cartge festival, and in a number of concerts around the arab world, Europe and America. He has released over a dozen albums an dis firmly established as a major star in the Region.

www.assielhallani.com.webloc

Born on the 30th of October in 1983 in Kuwait, Diana Karason is a great Jordanian singer. She sang the songs of music Arab legend (Om Kolthoum) and the children songs. Her father was a musician playing guitar and a member of the Jordanian Artists Association. The last competition she participated in before Super Star Arab Idol was in MBC Radistation for the best voice and she won it.

www.dianakarazon.tv

RAGHEB ALAMEH
Saturday August 02 th
Amman Citadel



SOFIA MARIKH

ZIYAD SALEH



Ragheb Alameh was born in Beirut in 1961, where he learnt to play the *oud*, a Lebanese musical instrument. He started his singing career in 1980 by participating in the "Studio El Far" TV programme, directed by Simon Asmar. Since then, he has had a succession of hits and is one of the Middle East's top celebrities.

www.ragheb-alama.com

Sophia Marikh, born October 15, 1982, began her career as a musician and entertainer in Casablanca, Morocco. She started at the Lebanese Star Academy and toured in Tunis, Kuwait, Egypt, Dubai and Lebanon. Her first album is called "*Kelmet Hobb*".

www.musicismylife.com.webloc

MOHAMED HAMAKI - TONY KATTAN - MAHAMOUD AL KAYAT

**Thursday August 07th
Amman Citadel**



Born on November 4, 1975 in Cairo, Mohamed Hamaki is a famous Egyptian singer. After the release of his first album "*Khallena N'eesh*" in 2003, he produced a second opus in 2006 which was such a hit that it won him a Platinum CD.

www.hamaki.ws

Toni Qattan was born on the 11th of August. He is an oud, guitar and piano player, he is also a writer and a composer. Started his career with a band in his hometown singing oriental and western. Toni made his first album called *Maliksh Zay* (2008) which consists of 9 songs, where he wrote and composed some of his songs.

AMR DIAB

Jerash South Theater



Amr Diab was born in Port Said, Egypt into an artistic family. He entered the musical arena and introduced his first album "*Ya Taree*" (1983), integrated with the audience and gained lots of attention and success. Amr followed on producing several great albums: "*Ghanny Men Albak*" (1984), "*Hala Hala*" (1986), "*Khalseen*" (1987), "*Mayyal*" (1988), "*Shawa'na*" (1989) and "*Matkhafesh*" (1990). Respectively, Amr Diab has achieved the World Music Awards twice, as best selling middle eastern singer in both his albums "*Nour El Ain*" in 1998 and "*Aktar Wahed*" in 2002. Also

received a Platinum Award for the sales of "Nour El Ain". Visit the awards section in this site to know more about Amr's awards.

Amr Diab's hard work and passion to creating quality music and new stylized musical techniques was his ultimate aim throughout the years. He has certainly and clearly delivered to all his multi-national fans around the globe and proved that he is one of the best Middle Eastern singers with extraordinary talent, determination, charisma and charming appearance.

www.amrdiab.net

www.AmrDiabWorld.com

