

CURRICULUM VITAE



mahmoud altaf

Composer • Sound Designer
Foley Artist • Voice Actor



SUMMARY

I'm a self-taught composer and a graduate of audio production from SAE Institute. I have a strong passion for music composition as well as audio post production working as a foley artist, a sound designer and a voice actor.

Additionally, I've also gained more than 6 years of experience as a graphic designer.

Software Proficiency:

Audio Software:

- Logic Pro
- Pro Tools
- Cubase
- Wwise

Graphic Design Software:

- Adobe Illustrator
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign

Personal Website: mahmoudaltaf.com

SoundCloud Music Portfolio: soundcloud.com/mahmoudaltaf

Vimeo Post Production Portfolio: vimeo.com/mahmoudaltaf

LANGUAGES

English (Native or bilingual proficiency)

Arabic (Native or bilingual proficiency)

INTERESTS

Reading, Sports, Movies, Football, Swimming, Jogging, Biking, Fishing

EDUCATION

SAE Institute of Technology - Dubai

Bachelor of Audio Production, 2012 - 2014

Ajman University of Science and Technology

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Computer Science, 2001 - 2005

Emirates Private School

High School Degree, 1989 - 2001

CERTIFICATIONS

Logic Pro 9 Certified Professional - Level 1

Apple License APPL126410 September 2012

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Composer / Sound Designer / Foley Artist / Voice Actor

March 2012 - Present

Graphic Designer at Viola Communications LLC

June 2006 - March 2012

GIS Intern at Gulf Computers LLC

July 2005 - September 2005

Computer Technician at Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation

June 2001 - July 2001

PROJECTS

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Ode to Joy

Short Film

September 2013

Written by Kamal Baldwin

Directed by Kurt Barretto

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

My Super Kandorah

8-Bit Game

April 2012 – November 2013

Developed by Afterwork Games

Credited as Composer

Black Sheep Documentary

Trailer

May 2014

Directed by Reshel Shah

Credited as Composer

Cat Meets World

Animation Short

August 2015

Created & Directed by Fatma Al Muhairi

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

PROJECTS

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Know Your Freedom Documentary

Feature

September 2015

Directed by Supriya Srinivas & Ghalia Al Aqili

Credited as Composer

Know Your Freedom Documentary

Trailer

September 2015

Directed by Supriya Srinivas & Ghalia Al Aqili

Credited as Composer

UAE Commemoration Day

Animation Short

November 2015

Created & Directed by Eman Lolah

Produced By Eating Stars Studios

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

UAE National Day

Animation Short

November 2015

Created & Directed by Fatma Al Muhairi

Sponsored By The Ministry of Social Affairs

Produced By Eating Stars Studios

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

PROJECTS

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Emara: Emirates' Hero

Animation Series Promo

April 2016

Created & Directed by Fatma Al Muhairi

Produced by Eating Stars Studios

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

Empire of N

Official Series Trailer

April 2016

Created & Directed by Khaled Bin Hamad

Produced by Moving Reflections Productions

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

Fractured Peace: War and Peace in Northern Ireland Documentary

Feature

July 2016

Directed by Osama Rai

Credited as Composer & Score Mixer

Fractured Peace: War and Peace in Northern Ireland Documentary

Trailer

July 2016

Directed by Osama Rai

Credited as Composer & Music Mixer

PROJECTS

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Emara: The Emirates' Hero

Season 1 Opening Theme Song

April 2017

Created & Directed by **Fatma Al Muhairi**

Produced by **Eating Stars Studios**

Credited as **Composer & Music Mixer**

Emara: The Emirates' Hero

Season 1 Episodes

April 2017

Created & Directed by **Fatma Al Muhairi**

Produced by **Eating Stars Studios**

Credited as **Composer & Music Mixer**

Genie in a Bottle

iOS Game

May 2018

Created & Developed by **Afterwork Games**

Credited as **Composer**

PROJECTS

POST-PRODUCTION

My Super Kandorah

8-Bit Game

April 2012 – November 2013

Developed by Afterwork Games

Credited as Sound Designer

Ode to Joy

Short Film

September 2013

Written by Kamal Baldwin

Directed by Kurt Barretto

Credited as Sound Designer & Sound Editor

Emara: Emirates' Hero

Animation Promo

April 2016

Created & Directed by Fatma Al Muhairi

Produced by Eating Stars Studios

Credited as Sound Designer

Genie in a Bottle

iOS Game

May 2018

Created & Developed by Afterwork Games

Credited as Sound Designer

PROJECTS

VOICE ACTING

Disneyland Hong Kong Holiday Packages

Radio Ad

December 2010

Credited as Voice Actor (Donald, Mickey & Goofy)

Cat Meets World

Animation Short

August 2015

Created & Directed by Fatma Al Muhairi

Credited as Voice Actor

Emara: The Emirates' Hero

Season 1 Episodes

April 2017

Created & Directed by Fatma Al Muhairi

Produced by Eating Stars Studios

Credited as Voice Actor (Ali: formal & informal Arabic, Ep.2 Cafe Criminal: English & Formal Arabic)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Ricardo Bragança

Educator and AVID/AATCe Manager

“Mahmoud is an extraordinary student. He is smart, dedicated and always eager to learn more. He is a team player who is consistently pleasant, communicative and extremely talented technically. I have no hesitations in recommending him and wish him all the best in his future work endeavours.”

Costas Papa

Senior Lecturer and Trainer

“I’ve had the pleasure of teaching Mahmoud throughout his degree with SAE Dubai. From the start, he struck me as a proactive learner. His ability to take in information really quickly, process and apply it the best way possible with little or no supervision was one of the many traits that I was impressed with. The attention and detail given to even the most minute details, was an added asset giving his creative approach a unique result, always prepared with the right questions and ready to take things one step further.

He is a talented, well rounded sound professional, always ready to commit to any task and deliver high quality results. I recommend him with no hesitation.”

RECOMMENDATIONS

Randula De Silva

Audio Course Coordinator

"I've had the privilege to teach and work alongside Mahmoud ever since I met him at SAE Dubai. From the get go he showed deep interest in the subject matter of what I covered in the course, and this was evident throughout the other lectures too. The 2 years with him I watched him grow his interest in more specific aspects of audio, and from the very early stages of the course, his concentration towards mixing and composition were growing stronger. I fostered his learning throughout these aspects to progress throughout the course and he did not disappoint any step of the way.

After his final creative project submission he demonstrated and portrayed himself as an industry professional and a visionary composer. Therefore I wish him all the very best of success in his future and I have no doubt that he will be a valuable member of any organisation."

Fady Kiriakides

Marketing Executive, Abu Dhabi Department of Transport

"Mahmoud is one of the hardest working and most passionate individuals I had the opportunity to work with. Among his best traits are true loyalty and a strong sense of creativity and innovation – not just with his graphic designing tasks, but also with his love for music composition."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Taha Khan

Head of Strategic Planning, e-Creatorz (Pvt) Ltd.

"Mahmoud is one of the most talented people I have met in my life. He is a dedicated person who gives 100% to everything he does. As a graphic designer or as a musician, he has a lot of potential which very few people have. I wish him the very best and success in his life goals."

Reshel Shah

Documentary Filmmaker, Producer & Director, Film Lecturer

"I have had the pleasure of working with Mahmoud on the trailer of my film 'Black Sheep'. Mahmoud, to say the least, was fantastic to work with. He listened to what I wanted and came back with great results, moreover, Mahmoud knows how to work very well in a team and independently, and I really look forward to working with him soon."

"What Mahmoud had created for my trailer brought forward every emotion, and he really understands how to bring out the visuals through music."

Costas Papa

Senior Lecturer and Trainer

"Recently I hired Mahmoud for his creative skills for a branding task, which he has successfully completed. After the brief, he was able to translate exactly what was required in an effective, efficient and professional manner."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fatma Al Muhairi

Creator and Director of Cat Meets World

"I've had the pleasure of working with Mahmoud on my CreativeLab funded animation short "Cat meets world" and I've lost count of all the times Mahmoud has impressed me during production. Not only is he a talented Music Designer & Voice actor, but he is also a storyteller who brought to life all the different personalities and themes in our animated piece through music. He does his research and works hard to bring out the best musical piece that compliments the client's vision. I look forward to collaborating with Mahmoud again in the future!"

Supriya Srinivas

Producer | Director of Know Your Freedom

"Making a documentary is all about getting your research right, production timelines right, the all-important finances ... but it is also about lucky breaks at the right time. Getting Mahmoud on board for our feature length documentary was one such lucky break. Our initial conversations over music were tentative at best, but Mahmoud had an innate sense of what we wanted and very quickly, without us even articulating our music vision (which is not really easy to do), he was offering bits and pieces for various critical segments that appealed to us.

Composing for a feature length documentary takes a lot of creativity and management of workflow. The music arrived at the post facilities in Mumbai on time and as per specifications. Our documentary truly comes alive with the music composed by Mahmoud."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Khaled Bin Hamad

Managing Director of Moving Reflection Production

“Mahmoud is a talented artist. I worked with him on the music of the Emirati Anime Empire of N. He did a brilliant job understanding what we were looking for and executing it to the highest level.

I wish you all the best and am looking forward to working together on future projects”

Osama Rai

Producer | Director | Owner at Vileo Media

“Mahmoud is a very talented, organized, and professional music composer. After I heard some of his old works, I chose him to score a feature documentary I produced, and I was not disappointed, the melodies he created were very suitable for each part of the film.

I also liked the fact that he is most of the time available online, which makes the work easier, especially in case of last minute requests.”

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