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Professional Profile

Dynamic Cultural Project Manager and Director with extensive experience in establishing and leading international cultural initiatives, film festivals, and cross-border exchange programs. Adept at managing large-scale cultural projects, securing partnerships with global organizations (e.g., UNESCO), and fostering cultural diplomacy through audiovisual arts and community engagement.

Core Competencies

Cultural Programming | Festival Direction | Project Management | Stakeholder Engagement | Cross-Cultural Exchange | Grant & Partnership Development.

Professional Experience

- **Founder & Director** | Gutt Land Productions, Luxembourg (2025 – Present)

*Manage audiovisual and cultural production projects tailored for diverse European and international audiences.

- **Founding Member & Director** | Arabic Association for Cultural Exchange in Luxembourg (AACE) (2017 – Present)

*Lead cultural integration initiatives, organize community events, and bridge Arab and European cultural narratives.

- **Project Producer & Director** | UNESCO & Global Events (2023 – 2024)

*Produced and directed "The Earth's Call" (shown at COP28 Climate Summit, Dubai) and "The Anthem of a United Europe" (Europe Day 2024).

- **Founder & Festival Director** | Iraq Short Film Festival (ISFF) (2005 – 2013)

*Established the first international film festival in Iraq, managing all operational, logistical, and programming aspects for 8 consecutive editions.

- **Founder & Managing Director** | Al-Zahra Company for Artistic Production, Iraq (2006 – 2011)

*Oversaw daily operations, media services, and the execution of large-scale artistic production projects.

Selected Cultural Achievements

- Successfully integrated cultural narratives into global platforms (COP28, Europe Day).
- Built and sustained long-term partnerships with educational ministries and international cultural bodies.
- Directed award-winning documentaries that highlight cultural fusion (e.g., Gnawa: Fusion of cultures).

Education

- Ph.D. in Design and Visual Culture | University of Granada, Spain (Grade: Excellent / Cum Laude)
- Diploma in Leadership and Crisis Management | European Institute of Leadership and Management (2021)
- Master's Degree in Design | University of Baghdad, Iraq

Executive Education & Professional Certifications

Advanced Mini Masters / Diplomas in Management & Leadership | European Institute for Leadership and Management | August 2023

Completed an intensive executive training track focusing on organizational strategy, risk mitigation, and team leadership. Core modules include:

- **Strategy and Operations:** Aligning cultural initiatives with institutional goals and operational efficiency.
- **Leadership and Organizations:** Navigating complex organizational structures and fostering collaborative environments.
- **Leadership and Teamwork:** Building and directing high-performing creative and cultural teams.
- **Change Management:** Leading institutions and communities through cultural and structural transitions.
- **Risk Management:** Identifying and mitigating risks in large-scale cultural productions and events.

Languages

Arabic (Native) | English (Fluent) | Spanish (Professional) | French (Basic) | German (Basic)