




## ALFOZ TANJOUR

An award-winning film director

7 awards 23 nominations

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Alfoz Tanjour is an Austrian film director born in Syria. He studied Film Directing at the Academy of Fine Arts. Since his graduation Alfoz has worked as a director, cinematographer, editor and producer. He directed many short films, for instance ***THE END OF A RED BALLOON*** and ***A LITTLE SUN*** that won the Bronze Tanit Award at the Carthage Film Festival in 2008 and the Special Jury Prize at the Mons Festival in Belgium in 2009.

Alfoz's work often reflects on the socio-political issues in Syria and the broader Middle East, making him a significant figure in contemporary Arab cinema. His documentaries and films provide a deep and personal insight into the lives affected by conflict, migration, and cultural identity. Alfoz's films have been recognized in various international film festivals, earning him a reputation for highlighting the personal stories behind political turmoil.

He directed a numerous amount of documentaries, such as *'Damascus, City Symphony'*, *'Black Stone'*, *'Cola Bridge'*, *'Outside the City's Walls'*, *'Rebellious Spirits'* *'Faraway, so close to Homeland'*, *'Soul'* and ***WOODEN RIFLE*** which won the Public Liberties and Human Rights award at the Aljazeera International Documentary Film Festival in 2013 and the Gold Panda for best production at the International Gold Panda Awards in China in 2014.

His feature documentary ***A MEMORY IN KHAKI*** 2017 received a wide critical acclaim and was screened and awarded in several prestigious Festivals around the world such as; Canadian Documentary Int. Film Festival Hot docs, Karlovy Vary Int. Film Festival,

DOK Leipzig, Dubai International Film Festival, Diagonale, Bergen IFF, Montpellier IFF, and won the Grand Mayor's Prize at Yamagata Documentary Int. Film Festival, and won Best Director award at Malmo Arab Film Festival in Sweden, and Karama's Feather Award for Best Documentary at Karama Human Rights Film Festival in Amman.

Alfoz has made significant contributions to drama series, establishing himself as a notable director in both the Middle East and Europe.

Alfoz's approach to drama series is characterized by his background in both fiction filmmaking and documentary, bringing a unique depth and authenticity to his storytelling. His films and series often explore complex themes, sometimes involving suspense, history, and social commentary. His work has been critically acclaimed, suggesting a blend of artistic integrity with commercial appeal. His projects are often noted for their screenings and awards in prestigious film festivals, which speaks to the quality and impact of his directorial vision in drama series.

Alfoz directed in 2022, a TV thriller series **"SIX MINUS ONE"** 7 episodes, in Abu Dhabi produced by **SHAHID VOD – MBC GROUP**.

Alfoz directed a Historical Bedouin Drama **"ALSHARAR"** 21 episodes, produced by **MBC STUDIOS**, in Riyadh KSA, 2023, and it was among the best TV series in MENA region.

Alfoz directed in 2024 a TV drama **"FORGETFULNESS"** 15 episodes in Beirut, which was premiered on **AMAZON PRIME**, and received a high critical acclaim.

Alfoz directed in 2024-2025 a TV drama **"HABITEIN"** 8 episodes in Riyadh, which will be premiered on **YANGO PLAY**.

He's currently working on different projects for cinema and TV.

## **EDUCATION**

**Diploma in Cinematographic Art and Television**, with a specialty in Film Directing, TV and Video. Academy of Music, Theater and Fine Arts. Faculty of Dramatic Art

## **FILMOGRAPHY AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

**HABITEIN, TWO PILLS** 8 Episodes TV thriller drama Series. Riyadh, KSA, **2024-2025**.

Series director: Alfoz Tanjour

Producer: **Kalila for Integrated Production** - in progress-Postproduction

**Yango play**

**UNSEEN** a feature film. Vienna, **2024-2025**.

Written and Directed by Alfoz Tanjour

Producer: **Plan C** - in progress.

Funded by **Austrian Film Institute**

**FORGETFULNESS** 15 Episodes TV drama Series. Beirut, Cairo **2023-2024**.



Series director: Alfoz Tanjour

Producers: **Blue Bee, Rise Studios**

**Amazon Prime** [Trailer](#)

**ALSHARAR** 21 Episodes TV thriller Series. Riyadh KSA **2022-2023**.



Series director: Alfoz Tanjour

Producers: **SHAHID MBC STUDIOS** [Trailer](#)

**SIX MINUS ONE** 7 Episodes TV thriller Series. Abu Dhabi **2021-2022**.



Series director: Alfoz Tanjour

Producers: **SHAHID VOD - MBC GROUP**. [Trailer](#)

**RUN AWAY** (105`), feature movie. **2023**.

In progress

Film director, scriptwriter.

Funded by **Austrian Film Institute**

In progress.



**BEYOND THE CITY'S WALLS** (56`) 2013. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

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**REBELLIOUS SPIRITS** (53`) 2013. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

[Film link](#)

**WADEH ALSAFI** a portrait of the famous singer (52`) 2012-2013. Director.

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**WOODEN RIFLE** (63`) 2011-2012. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

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**DAMASCUS TAXI** (52`) 2010. Director, editor.

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**COLA BRIDGE** (52`) 2009. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

[Film link](#)

**DAMASCUS, CITY SYMPHONY** (54`) 2009. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

[Film link](#)

**BLACK STONE** (47`) 2009. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

[Film link](#)

**Cinema without cinema** (40`) 2008. Director, D.o.P, editor, executive producer.

[Film link](#)

**A LITTLE SUN** (18`) 2008. Director and scriptwriter.

[Film link](#)

## **SHORT DOCUMENTARIES & OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**2016** Jury member in “**BIDAYYAT for Audiovisual Arts**”

**2013** Director and editor in three short documentaries:

**BEUATIFUL POSTERS** (30`): about Collecting Cinema's Posters.

**SWEET and SAVORY** (30`): about Making Food.

**EVERST DREAM** (30`): about Climbing Mountains

**2011-2012** Film director in ten short features Series (the Spark of Beginning) 5 min each.

**2010-2011** Film director in six short documentaries:

**BOUNDUK-HADID'S CINEMA** (30`): about Cinema.

**WHEN SCRAPS TALK** (30`): about Recycling.

**CURRENCY TO WATCH** (30`): about Currency collecting.

**WHO WILL BUT ROSES** (30`): about Flowers arrangement.

**ALBUM OF STONE** (30`): about Geology.

**SINGER AND LISTENER** (30`): about Music.

**2009** Film Director: A Portrait of the Translator **`SALEH ALAMANI`** 30 min.

Film Director: A Portrait of the Singer **`MONZER SARMINI`** 30 min.

D.O.P and editor and artistic collaboration: **`THE WITNESS`**.

Film Director: A Portrait of the Artist **`ALI FARZAT`** 30 min.

Film Director, D.o.p, editor **`35MM CINEMA WITHOUT CINEMA`** 32 min.

**2008** Camera operator and editor in two documentaries:

**`BOLOS THE PROPHET`, `A LICENSE OF MURDER`**

**2007-2008** Film Director, camera operator and editor: several documentaries:

***'Contre-jour', 'Haramlek', 'Outside the Bars', 'The Doll', 'From 9 to 10', 'Paradise', 'Portrait of Qamishli', 'Bedouin Poem', 'Damascene Bouquet'***.

**2006** ***'Damascus Road'*** 3 parts. Film Director, camera operator and editor.

## **AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS**

**A MEMORY IN KHAKI** documentary 108 min.

It won the **Grand Mayor's Prize** at Yamagata Documentary International Film Festival 2017 Japan.

It won **Best Director** at Malmo Arab Film Festival 2017 Sweden.

It won **Karama's Feather Award** for **Best documentary film** at Karama Human Rights Festival in Amman 2017.

Nominated for Golden Muhr Main competition at **Dubai International Film Festival 2016**.

Nominated for best documentary in the main competition at the Canadian Documentary International Film Festival **HOTDOCS 2017** Toronto.

Nominated for best documentary in the main competition at **Karlovy Vary International Film Festival 2017** Czech Republic.

Nominated for best documentary in the main competition at **Bergen International Film Festival 2017** Norway.

Nominated for best documentary in the main competition at **Montpellier International Film Festival** 2017 France.

Nominated for best documentary in the official selection at **Dok Leipzig International Film Festival** 2017 Germany.

Nominated for best documentary in the official selection at **Denver International Film Festival** 2017 USA.

Nominated for best documentary in the main competition at **Karama Human Rights Film Festival** 2017 Jordan.

Nominated for **Best Arab Documentary Film Award** for the year 2017

Nominated for best documentary in the main competition at **Diagonale Film Festival** 2018 Austria.

**WOODEN RIFLE** documentary 63 min.

**Public Liberties & Human rights Award** in 9<sup>th</sup> Aljazeera International Documentary Film Festival 2013.

**Asian Production Award Golden Panda** in the International “**Gold Panda**” Documentary Festival in China 2014.

**A LITTLE SUN** short feature/35mm - 18 min.

**Tanit of Bronze** in Carthage Film Festival 2008.

**Special Jury Mention** in Love International Film of Mons in Belgium/2009.

**Death of Aleppo: documentary** 60 min.

Adelaide International film festival

Sydney International Film Festival

**FARAWAY, SO CLOSE TO HOMELAND** documentary 62 min.

Adelaide International Film Festival

This Human World Film Festival

An Interview with me on ARTE / French & German [LINK](#)

An Interview with me on NHK Japan / English [LINK](#)

## **LANGUAGES**

**Arabic** mother tongue **English** excellent **German** good **Romanian** very good