

## Abdul-Wahab M. Kayyali

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### **Bio:**

Abdul-Wahab commenced his oud studies in 1989 at the National Music Conservatory of Amman, Jordan under the tutelage of Sakher Hattar. While in Amman, he also received tutelage and guidance from Iraqi oud virtuoso Munir Bashir. He has performed widely as a soloist and an ensemble member throughout the Middle East and North America. Additionally, he has given lectures and workshops on Arabic oud, maqam theory and Arabic music history. In 2012, Abdul-Wahab established the Juthoor project, and in 2019, he established the Etihad Middle Eastern Music Salon. In 2020, Abdul-Wahab co-founded the world music trio “Les Arrivants” in Montreal. He released his debut solo album “Juthoor” in 2020.

### **Select Participations and Performances:**

- “Lamia Yared: Echoes of Byzantium,” Festival of Arabic Music and Arts (FAMA), Mississauga, ON, Canada: November 2021.
- “Amir Amiri Ensemble,” WOMEX 21, Teatro Sá da Bandeira, Porto, Portugal: October 2021.
- “Music of the Mashriq,” Musique Horizons Lointains, Montreal, QC, Canada: October 2021.
- “Les Arrivants,” Festival Des Musiciens Du Monde, Montreal, QC, Canada: June 2021.
- Resident Artist, Centre Des Musiciens Du Monde, Montreal, QC, Canada: Fall 2020 / Spring 2021.
- “Lamia Yared: Chants Des Trois Cours,” Montreal Arts Council (CAM) Tour: Winter 2021.
- “Lougha Trio,” Montreal, QC, Canada: November 2020.
- “Les Arrivants,” Montreal, QC, Canada: November 2020.
- Etihad Middle Eastern Music Salon, Amman, Jordan: 2019 – Present.
- Guest Performer, Layaali Arabic Music Ensemble, Boston, Massachusetts: 2014 – 2019.
- Duo Juthoor, Detroit, Michigan / Washington, DC / Tempe, AZ, USA: 2017 – 2019.
- Trio Juthoor, Amman, Jordan: October 2018.
- Guest Performer, National Arab Orchestra, Detroit, Michigan, USA: 2017.
- Juthoor Ensemble & Goksel Baktagir Trio, Amman, Jordan: July 2016.
- Juthoor Ensemble, Al-Balad Theatre, Amman, Jordan: July 2013.
- Juthoor Ensemble, Amman Theatre Days/Fawanees Festival, Amman, Jordan: July 2012.
- Resident Musician, Middle East Music Ensemble, University of Chicago, Illinois, USA: 2008 – 2009.
- Guest Performer, Amman Arabic Music Ensemble, Amman, Jordan: 2006.
- Club Passim Arabesque Mondays Oud Festival, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA: 2003.
- International Oud Consortium, Jerash Festival for Culture and Arts, Amman, Jordan: 2003.
- First Prize & Best String Performer, Young Musicians of the Gulf, Manama, Bahrain: 2000
- First International Competition in Oud Performance, Amman, Jordan: 1999.
- Arabic Music Festival, Cairo, Egypt: 1996.
- 23 Nisan Festival, Ankara, Turkey: 1995.
- Jerash Festival for Culture and Arts, Jerash, Jordan: 1994.

### **Discography:**

- Juthoor (2020)
- Les Arrivants – Home (2022)
- Lamia Yared and Ensemble Oraciones – Lumières Ottomanes (Forthcoming 2022)
- Merrie Klazek – Dance Around the Sun (Forthcoming)