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## **Biography:**

Omar Ghayatt was born in Cairo in 1976; in 1998 he received his B.A. in Arts and Education. He works in Performing arts since 1996.!

In 2003 he received the first state prize ever awarded in Egypt for “performance art”. The following years, he performed in various countries and festivals such as Interakcje Festival (Poland), Cairo Opera House, Vooruit Gent, Theaterspektakel Zurich, Temps d’Image Marne-la-Vallée, Festival Theaterformen Hannover, Festival Inteatro Polverigi, Festival a/d Werf Utrecht, La Friche belle de Mai Marseille, Festival DCAF Cairo. Alongside his travels, he organized a long-term project in Egypt, “Sabeel Cairo”, to promote performance art.!

In 2007, Ghayatt travelled to theater Schlachthaus Bern as a artist in residence of “Pro Helvetia”. In March 2008, Ghayatt started “Made in Paradise”, a project in collaboration with the swiss artists Yan Duyvendak and Nicole Borgeat. In 2009 Ghayatt received his Master of Scenography from the Zürcher Hochschule der Künste Zhdk. In 2010 Omar Ghayatt received a studio in the “PROGR” center for culture production as a grant from the city of Bern. In 2011 he create “If I Weren’t Egyptian” a visual theatre project in collaboration and based on text by Alaa Al Aswani. Ghayatt latest project is “Violence Lointaine”, a dance / performance, together with the Congolese choreographer DeLaVallet Bidiefono, and the French sound artist Maxime Denuc, its French Premier was in La Friche belle de Mai, Marseille, November 2014. Ghayatt received a special grant (OFF-Stage) from The Canton of Bern in January 2015.

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## **EDUCATION**

### **1993-1998**

Bachelor of Arts, Faculty of Arts and Education, Cairo.

### **2007-2009**

Master of Scenography, MAS; Zürcher Hochschule der Künste,  
Zurich University of the Arts, **Z\_hdk**.

## PERFORMANCES 2005-2014

- 2014**
- Festival à l'échelle, La Friche de La Belle de Mai, Marseille, France.
  - City Gallery of Kalisz, Kalisz, Poland.
  - Festival Préavis de désordre Urbain, La Friche, Marseille, France.
  - Savvy Contemporary , Berlin, Germany.
  - Art Stadt Bern, Biennale Bern, Switzerland.
  - Abbatale de Bellelay, Bellelay, Switzerland.
  - Festival DCAF, Cairo Egypt.
- 2013**
- Guangzhou Live, Guangzhou, China.
  - Festival Malamut Ostrava, Ostrava, Czech Republic.
  - Festival blauverschiebung, Galerie KUB, Leipzig, Germany.
  - INFR'ACTION Venezia, Venice, Italy.
  - Villa Méditerranée, Marseille, France.
  - "15<sup>th</sup> INTERAKCJE international festival", Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland.
  - "Office Goes Art" Khun & Bieri AG, Köniz, Bern.
  - Festival Heimspiel, Dampfzentrale, Bern.
  - CCF, French Culture Center in Brazzaville, Congo.
- 2012**
- Kunstencentrum Vooruit vzw, Gent, Belgium.
  - Festival à l'échelle, La Friche de La Belle de Mai, Marseille, France.
  - Agglomération de Marne-la-Vallée / Paris, France.
  - INTON'ACTION, Gallery Databaz, Angoulême, France.
  - Live Action, Gothenburg, Sweden.
  - Teatro al Parco, Parma, Italy.
  - Festival Dcaf, Falaky Theater, Cairo.
  - NEST - CDN de Thionville-Lorraine, Thionville, France.
  - Festival "Um alles in der Welt - Lessingtage", Hamburg, Germany.
  - ICI - Institut des Cultures d'Islam, Paris, France.
- 2011**
- Festival "Politik im freien Theater", Dresden, Germany.
  - Inspektionen//Integrationen, Berlin, Germany.
  - Festival Heimspiel, Dampfzentrale, Bern.
  - INFR'ACTION Sète, Sète, France.
  - Festival Theaterformen, Hannover, Germany.
  - Festival A/D Werf, Utrecht, Netherlands.
  - Scène du Jura Théâtre de Lons-le-Saunier, Lons-le-Saunier, France.
  - Um Gottes Willen, Kunst und Religion im Dialog, Stadtmühle, Wildsau, Switzerland.
  - La Rampe scène conventionnée Rhône-Alpes, Echirolles, France.
  - Le Phénix, Scène Nationale de Valenciennes, Valenciennes, France.
  - Sortie Ouest, Béziers, France.

- 2010** - Pronomades, Encausse-les-Thermes, France.  
 - Reims Scène d'Europe, Reims, France.  
 - "Le Vie dei Festival" , Rome, Italy.  
 - What's The Difference?, PROGR, Bern.  
 - Festival Legàmi, Inteatro, Polverigi, Italy.  
 - Incontri teatrali, Lugano.  
 - Kaserne Basel, Basel.  
 - Festival Hybrides, Montpellier, France.  
 - DSN - Dieppe Scène Nationale, Dieppe, France.  
 - Theatre du GRÜTLI, Geneva.  
 - Scène Nationale de Petit-Quevilly, Rouen, France.  
 - Le Lieu Unique scène nationale, Nantes, France.  
 - Théâtre d'Arles scène conventionnée, Arles, France.
- 2009** - "Mousses", BOZAR, Palais des Beaux-Arts, Bruxelles, Belgium.  
 - "Les Inaccoutumées", ménagerie de verre, Paris, France.  
 - Le Carré des Jalles, Saint-Médard-en-Jalles, Bordeaux, France.  
 - "Kairo-Beirut", Brotfabrik-Theater, Bonn, Germany.  
 - "Extra Ball" centre culturel Suisse, Paris, France.  
 - "La Bâtie, Festival de Genève", GRÜ, Geneva.  
 - "Zürcher Theater Spektakel", Zurich.  
 - "extra-09", Bonlieu scène nationale, Annecy, France.  
 - "Nouvelles Danse Strasbourg", Studio Pôle Sud, Strassburg, France.  
 - "Des souris, des hommes", Le Carré des Jalles, Saint-Médard-en-Jalles Bordeaux, France.  
 - "Tanz, Musik und Theater aus der Romandie", Dampfzentrale, Bern.  
 - "Telling Tales", Kunstmuseum des Kantons Thurgau, Kartause Ittingen.  
 - Arsenic, Centre d'Art scénique contemporain, Lausanne.
- 2008** - Hippodrome scène nationale, Douai, France.  
 - "Visibility 4", Galata perform, Istanbul, Turkey.  
 - "act'Oral" Théâtre de la Colline, Paris, France.  
 - "Temps d'Images" La Ferme du Buisson, Marne-la-Vallée, France.  
 - "act'Oral" montévidéo, Marseille, France.  
 - "Shifting Identities [Swiss] Art Now", Gessnerallee, Zurich.  
 - "Der längste Tag", Kunsthof, Zurich.  
 - "International festival of modern dance", Cairo Opera House, Cairo.  
 - Said Darwish theatre, Alexandria Opera House, Alexandria, Egypt.  
 - "SOS48", Centro de Congresos, Murcia, Spain.  
 - "Da-Hena", PROGR "Zentrum für Kulturproduktion, Bern.  
 - KGIT, Korean German Institute, Seoul, Korea.

- 2007** - Schlachthaus Theater, Bern.  
- "9<sup>th</sup> INTERAKCJE international festival", Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland.  
- "Kulturelle Brücke Ägypten–Schweiz", Literaturhaus, Basel.  
- "Kulturelle Brücke Ägypten–Schweiz", Literaturhaus, Zurich.  
- "Cairo-Ramallah Express", Schlachthaus Theater, Bern.  
- Al-Salam theatre, Cairo.  
- Jesuite arts center, Alexandria, Egypt.  
- "5<sup>th</sup> Festival des jeunes créateurs", Centre Français de Culture, Cairo.

- 2006** - Shams theatre, Beirut, Lebanon.  
- Gallery Inner Spaces, Poznan, Poland.  
- Galeria Bielska BWA, Bielsko-Biała, Poland.  
- "8<sup>th</sup> INTERAKCJE international festival", Piotrkow Trybunalski, Poland.  
- Galeria Dzialan, Warschau, Poland.  
- "4<sup>th</sup> Festival des jeunes créateurs", Centre Français de Culture, Cairo.

- 2005** - Laznia Nowa Theatre, Krakau, Poland.  
- Theatre Wiczy, Torun, Poland.  
- "13<sup>th</sup> Castle of Imagination", Baltic Art Gallery, Ustka, Poland.  
- "3<sup>th</sup> Festival des jeunes créateurs", Centre Français de Culture, Cairo.  
- "28<sup>th</sup> National exhibition", Cairo Opera House, Cairo.  
- "17<sup>th</sup> youth salon", Art palace, Cairo Opera House, Cairo  
- Townhouse Gallery, Downtown, Cairo.

## Awards / prizes

- 2003** 1. Preis > 15<sup>th</sup> salon of youth Egyptian artists.
- 2004** “Best scenography” > 2<sup>nd</sup> festival des jeunes créateurs.
- 2004** CEMEA Grant > International Workshop > Festival d’Avignon.
- 2005** 2. Preis > The 17<sup>th</sup> Salon of youth Egyptian artists.
- 2005** “Best Scenography”, “Best Director” > 3<sup>th</sup> festival des jeunes créateurs.
- 2006** CEMEA Grant > International Workshop > Festival d’Avignon.
- 2007** ProHelvetia Grant > Artist in Residence > Schlachthaus Theater, Bern.
- 2010** Stadt Bern Grant > Förderatelier > PROGR, Bern.
- 2014** Kanton Bern Grant > OFF-Stage 2014 > Bern.