

## Timeline of TAA Achievements (2008 - 2020)

**2008 - 2013**

### **Founded Istanbuli Theatre Group**

A theater group founded by Kassim Istanbuli a group of students from the Institute of Fine Arts at th Lebanese University in 2008 with the aim of bringing together youth students and theater enthusiasts, to perform in the streets and public spaces. Starting with mobile interactive theater, music and dance performances and carnivals leading to participation in local and international tours and festivals.

### **Local & International Festival Participations**

The group participated in Festivals in the following countries :  
Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Kuwait, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Spain, Portugal, Netherland, Italy  
France, Chile, Turkey, Georgia, Greece, Brazil, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Germany

**2009**

- **Lebanon:** Lebanese Universities Festival

**2010**

- **Syria:** Artists Syndicate Festival

**2011**

- **Spain:** Festival de Almagro
- **Algeria:** Festival international du théâtre de Bejaia
- **Spain:** Cuenca Summer Festival

**2012**

- **Morocco:** Moroccan Cedars Festival
- **Tunisia:** Douz Theater Festival
- **Kuwait:** Kuwaiti for Quds Festival

**2013**

- **Netherland:** Dance on the Edge Festival
- **Jordan** Touqous Festival
- **Chile:** Del Festival internacional de Teatro ENTEPACH

**2008 - 2013**

**Performances Presented by  
The Istanbouli Theatre Group**

**Koum Yaba**

Written by : Salman Natour

**School for Dictators**

Written by : Erich Kästner

**A Picnic on the Battlefield**

Written by : Fernando Arrabal

**Mours (wall)**

Written by : Ana Cendrero Álvarez

**Waiting for Godot**

Written by : Samuel Beckett

**The Black House (La casa de Bernarda Alba)**

Written by : Federico García Lorca

**Experiencia del Mural**

Hamad bin Hadi bin Hamad bin Ali Al-Jaber Al-Marri

**Margins ( Hawamish)**

Team work

**Women without identity**

Team work

**People's Court**

Team work

**Zanka zanka**

Team work

**2014 - 2015**

**Established Tiro Association for Arts (TAA)**

Tiro Association for Arts, an NGO located in South Lebanon, registered under No. 2633. We are a youth-led and volunteer-based organization aiming to create free and independent cultural spaces in Lebanon through cultural training, the rehabilitation of cultural spaces and the organizations of festivals and activities.

**Renovated and Reopened Cinema Al-Hamra - Tyre**

Al Hamra Cinema was established in 1966, and was closed because of the war, and it remained closed for 30 years (600 Seats)

**Implemented workshops for children and youth**

Drawing - Theater - Photography

Implemented weekly film screening and theater performances

**Theatrical performance production**

The story of uncle shushu (for children)

Jowwa w Barra (for adults)

Our Stories from Home (for children)

Marhaba play (student performance)

For Peace (student performance)

Waiting for Godot (student performance)

Tak Tak To (Student performance)

Ghali wel Shaab Rkhees (Student performance)

**2014**

**Established theater, cinema, and music festivals**

Tyre International Theatre Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition

Tyre International Short Film Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition

Tyre International music festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition

Cultural Resistance Festival (partner)

**2015**

Tyre International music festival 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

Tyre International Theatre Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

Tyre International Short Film Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

Palestine Cultural Days Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition

Cenima on the Road Festival (partner)

European International Festival (partner)

Spring Festival (partner)

**2016 - 2017**

**Renovated and Reopened Cenima Stars in Nabatieh**

Cinema Stars was built in the seventies, and it was one of five cinemas in the city, before it closed its doors for 27 years because of the centrality of culture in Beirut, and it is one of the oldest cinemas in southern Lebanon (400 Seats).

**Implemented workshops for children and youth**

Drawing - Theater - Photography - Cenima  
Implemented weekly film screening and theater performances

**2016**

**Festivals**

Lebanon International Theatre Festival (Nabatieh - Tyre - Beirut)  
Lebanon International Short Film Festival (Nabatieh - Tyre - Tripoli)  
On the Road Film Festival (partner)  
Ukrainian Film Festival (partner)  
Human Rights and Migration Film Festival (partner)  
Beirut Art and Documentary Film Festival (partner)

**2017**

European Film Festival (partner)  
Lebanon International Theatre Festival (Nabatieh - Tyre)  
Lebanon International Short Film Festival (Nabatieh - Tyre)  
Epic Theater Festival in Nabatieh 1st edition  
Mobile Theatre Workshops in 20 south villages  
Brazilian Film Festival (partner)  
Human Rights and Migration Film Festival (partner)  
The Original Music Festival (partner)  
100 seconds Movie Festival (partner)  
Beirut Art and Documentary Film Festival (partner)  
Ukrainian Film Festival (partner)

**2018 - 2020**

**Renovated and Reopened Cenima Rivoli in Tyre**

Cenima Rivoli was built in 1952 and it closed its doors in 1989, and it is the last Cenima in the city of Tyre in addition to Cenima Al-Hamrah. The Cenima was reopened as the “Lebanese National Theatre” a free and independent cultural space.

**2019**

**Established The Lebanese National Theatre (Theater - Cenima - Library - Cafe - Museum)**

The first free cenima and theater in Lebanon

**Implemented workshops for children and youth**

Drawing - Theater - Photography - Cenima - Dance  
Implemented weekly film screening and theater performances  
Hosted local and international Exhibitions  
Implemented and participated in social and artistic events  
Opened a public café and library

**Festivals**

Tiro International Arts Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
We are Telling our story project  
Arabic - Dutch Festival collaboration 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
Tyre International Theatre Festival 6<sup>th</sup> edition  
Tyre International Short Film Festival 6<sup>th</sup> edition

**2019**

Performed Friend's Power school play  
 Emplemented Mind the Gap project  
 Tyre International Theater Festival 7<sup>th</sup> edition  
 Lebanon International Women Monodrama Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
 Tyre International Music Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> edition  
 Tiro International Art Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> editon  
 Lebanese International Contemporary Dance Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
 Palestinian Cultural Days Festival 2<sup>nd</sup> edition  
 Lebanon International Storytellers Festival 1<sup>st</sup> edition  
 Al-Nabatiyeh Theater Festival 3<sup>rd</sup> edition  
 Music Festival at the Lebanese French University - Koura (partner)  
 International Street Theatre Festival - Kurdistan (participation)

**2020**

Tyre Cultural Days Festival 1st edition  
 Tyre International Short Film Festival 7th edition

### Short Film Production

**2016**

Cinema AlHamra, Cinema Stars, Zaghloul

**2017**

Basel Film

**2018**

Babor Film

**2019**

Ihsan Film

### TAA Achievements

TAA has worked on reviving culture and arts in the southern Lebanon through implementing different programs including renovating cinema, festivals, trainings/workshops and building collaborations with local and international foundations.

### Cinema Renovation

TAA has renovated cinemas to turn into cultural spaces that implements artistic and cultural programs.

### Renovated Cinemas

Cinema Al Hamra in Tyre 2014

Cinema Stars in Nabatiyeh in 2017

Cinema Rivoli in Tyre in 2018 – current

### Events and Activities

**2014**

Weekly theater trainings - Cinema Al-Hamra

**2014**

Workshops (drawing, theater, photography, Puppets Theater) - Palestinian Camps

**2015**

Ramadan Market Day

**2018**

Participation Cultural Exchange Workshops - Greece and Georgia

### Workshops/trainings

TAA aimed to provide youth not only with a space, but with the skills and social contacts to build a brighter future for themselves and their families. 240 trainee from different ages participated in the classes from 2018 to 2020.

### Current trainings

Fine arts  
Theater  
Cinema and photograph  
Dabkeh  
Music

### Workshops

Contemporary Dance  
Martial Arts  
Handcrafts  
Painting  
Physical expression  
Mantra  
Mandala

### Mutual agreements abroad

**2015** Baghdad Film Festival  
**2016** Cinelab Festival in Spain  
**2016** Art House in Iraqi Kurdistan  
**2017** Film approach festival in Karbala

### Projects

**2014** Building artistic technical skills among children and youth - Partnership with UNIFIL  
**2015** Hakawati Project a collaboration between The studnets and Gerrit Rietveld Academie - Netherlands  
**2015** Theater show for children “Our Stories at Home”- World Vision International  
**2016** Theater show and drawing exhibition with Abaad Foundation  
**2017** Home Sweet Home (Film production) - Greece  
**2018 - 2019** Watch Lebanon in Mobile Cinema - Ministry of Culture and Tourism  
**2018 - 2020** Art and Culture for Development and Social Change in South Lebanon in - Drosos Foundation  
**2018** We are Telling Our Stories with UNESCO  
**2018** We will Meet with PAX for Peace  
**2018 - 2019** Training workshops in Burj Al-Barajneh camp (Tala'a theater play) - Qattan Foundation  
**2019** Friends Power theater play project - Municipality of Tyre  
**2019** Mind the Gap project - Swedish Institute  
**2019** “I can, I am, I exist”- with the Social Movement in Lebanon" (Bekaa, Aldoer and Nabatiyeh)  
**2019** Gender Equality - PAX for Peace  
**2020** TAA Festivals - Doen Foundation  
**2020** MUSAWAT : Freedom of Religion and Belief - PAX for Peace  
**2020** Online workshops and festivals - Drosos Foundation

## **Local and International Collaborations and Partnerships**

### **Governmental Partnership**

Lebanese Ministry of Culture  
Lebanese Ministry of Tourism  
Municipality of Tyre and Nabatieh  
Union of Municipality of Tyre and Nabatiyeh

### **Non-governmental collaboration and partnership**

Drosos Foundation  
PAX Organisation  
Qattan foundation and Prince Claus Fund  
Doen Foundation  
UNESCO  
UNIFIL  
Anna Lindh Foundation  
AFAC  
Abaad  
Cultural movement foundation  
Dorkas  
World Vision International  
Atelier Awlad  
Dorucs Association  
Al Khyam Center  
Swedish Institute  
Rietveld Academy in Netherland

## **Peace Bus 2018 - 2020**

TAA has converted a former school bus into a moving cinema and theatre, traveling to marginalized areas across Lebanon. TAA develops rich screening programs and invites youth of diverse backgrounds to travel with us on a cultural journey. The bus facilitates discussions, films, concerts, storytelling and sharing of food. Theatre workshops and performances are held in, around, and on the bus to foster lasting bonds between divided communities. TAA implemented a project, within the Peace Bus, entitled “Watch Lebanon in Mobile Cinema” in 2018 and 2019, in 20 villages (Srifra, Mansouri, Arzon, Tirdeba, Maaraka, Jwaya, Tebnine, Al Qalila, AinBail, Borj Rahal, Abbasiya, Bazourieh, Tarf Lasai, Borj AlChamaly, Qana, Siddiqin, Deir Kanoun Ras Alain, Alma Alshaab, Marwahin and Briche).

