



# SHALAN ALHAMWY

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## EXPERIENCE

### DE CENTRALE

2020 - Director of the World Music School of De Centrale, Ghent.

### MUSIC TEACHER

2017 Teacher of Middle - Eastern violin at De Centrale (Ghent) and Muziekpubliek (Brussels).

2014 - 2015 Teacher violin at The Mashta Alhilou Cultural Center (up to 17 years old).

2007 - 2015 Teacher of chamber music, Arabic music and classical violin at the music college of the Albaath University, Homs, Syria.

2011 - 2012 Violin teacher at the Solhi Alwadi Music School (up to 18 years old), Damascus, Syria.

### VIOLINIST

2015 - Orchestras and ensembles: [Picea Orientalis](#), [Jiraan](#), [Damast Duo](#), Ghent Folk Violin Project, Olla Vogala, Syrian Expat Philharmonic Orchestra (Germany), Syrian Expat Ensemble (Denmark).

2004 - 2013 Violinist (1st violin section) in the Syrian National Symphony Orchestra.

2003 - 2012 Violinist (2nd violin section) in the National Orchestra of Arabic Music (Syria).

Played with the most notable Arabic singers: Fairouz, Marcel Khalifa, Jahida Wehbe, Rima Khsheish and others.

### FREELANCE COMPOSER

2012 - Composing and arranging music in both classical and Arabic genres for various orchestras, singers and choirs. Writing soundtrack for films and TV programs. Compositions were performed by, among others, Kammer Symphonie Berlin, WDR Radio Orchestra, EPO (Expat Philharmonic Orchestra) and the National Orchestra for Arabic Music (Syria). Contributing to recordings as a musician and producer.

## STUDY

### 2002-2007

#### BACHELOR IN MUSIC

Damascus Conservatory, Syria. Specialization violin.

### 2000-2006

#### BACHELOR IN FARMACY

Damascus University, Syria.

## RECENTSTE PROJECTEN

### EAST & WEST ORCHESTRA

#### PICEA ORIENTALIS [www.piceaorientalis.com](http://www.piceaorientalis.com)

A unique, super diverse string orchestra that blends Western and Eastern music traditions. Western structures, harmonies and arch techniques, together with Eastern ornaments, improvisations and maqams.

### WORLD MUSIC ENSEMBLE

#### JIRAAN [www.jiraan.net](http://www.jiraan.net)

Intercultural music ensemble of 12 musicians of various nationalities who combine music from Syria, Turkey, Greece and Belgium with baroque music.

### MUSICAL AUDIOGUIDE

#### MUSIKA [LINK](#)

A collaboration between the Museum of Fine Arts Ghent and De Centrale, where I was commissioned to compose music inspired by 5 works from the museum collection. "MuSiKa" is now included as a musical audio guide in the permanent collection of the museum.

### COMMISSION FOR WDR

#### DA CAPO: VON DAMASKUS NACH KÖLN [LINK](#)

Collaboration with the WDR Radio Orchestra in preparation for the concert: repertoire preparation and composition of "Two Images From Aleppo".

### VARIA

- Regularly asked to give workshops and lectures both in Belgium and abroad.
- The Westdeutscher Rundfunk asked me in 2017 to represent Germany in "The New European Songbook". This project celebrates new music that originates in Europe. [LINK](#)
- Jury member in the Flemish Cultural commission of arts (music), 2019 - 2023
- Commentator at the prestigious Queen Elisabeth Competition 2019, semi-final and final.
- My project with Violet youth string orchestra "Hanin" won the [Audience Award 2016-17](#).

### LANGUAGES

ARABIC	Native
ENGLISH	Excellent
DUTCH	Excellent
FRENCH	good

### COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Office  
 Adobe Photoshop  
 Adobe InDesign  
 Makemusic Finale  
 Steinberg Cubase  
 Adobe Premiere Pro