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Biography

Sam Lahoud is a scriptwriter, a director, a producer and a script consultant. He has written, directed and produced theater plays, films, documentaries and PSAs. "Waynon" (Void), the first independent feature film he co-produced, received more than 20 national and international awards and recognitions, was the Lebanese official submission for the Academy Awards 2015 (Oscars) for Best Foreign Language Film.

Sam is active in cross cultural productions, and is currently working on different local and international productions.

He is currently a Senior Lecturer in Media and Film at Notre Dame University-Louaize, where he served as Founding Director of Communications from 2014 till 2017, Chairperson of the Department of Media Studies from 2012 till 2014, and founded and headed the Division of Audio Visual Arts from 2006 until 2012.

Mr. Lahoud is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Information and Communication at the University of Saint Joseph - Beirut; He holds a MA in Media Studies - Electronic Journalism and Public Relations from NDU, a MA in Scriptwriting from Université Saint Joseph (IESAV) and a BA in Communication Arts, Radio, Television and Film from NDU.

Mr. Lahoud has organized, participated and presented workshops and seminars on Lebanese cinema, directing actors, scriptwriting and sacred drama. Since 1996 he taught music, photography, and arts education. He currently teaches courses in scriptwriting, directing actors, directing techniques, and media laws and ethics.

Exhibitions, Competitions and Creative Work

National

- Founding Chair of "Beirut Film Society" NGO
- Founding Director of NDU International Film Festival since 2007
 - Winner of the Social Economy Award for Youth Empowerment 2015
- Founding Director of Beirut International Women Film Festival.
- Founding Director of Beirut International Children & Family Film Festival.
- Founding Director of Cinema for Peace Summer Camp Academy & Film Festival.
- Founder, Program Director of Lebanese Film Festival in Canada.
- Founder, Artistic Director of Golden Grenade Armenian Film Festival in Beirut.
- Producer / Director / Writer of theater plays
 - "Alwan mech aa Baada" (Variant Colors), Social Comedy by Maurice Awwad (1996)
 - "6000 Years of Civilizations", Social Comedy (2001)

- "Al Balbala" Historical Comedy by Antoine Yazbeck (2002)
- Scenes from: L'émigré de Brisbane (G. Chehade), The Lesson (E. Ionesco), Knock (J. Romain) 2003
- The Reign of Karakouch, By Mansour Eid (2009)
- The Musical "Ounadika" Passion of Christ (2010, 2011)
- "Maktal Inna wa Akhawatiha" by Raymond Gebara (2012)
- Film Producer / Co-Producer / Executive Producer
 - Feature film "C-Section" (2019)
 - Feature film "Good Morning" by Bahij Hojeij (2017)
20+ international festivals participations.
 - Feature film "Waynon – Void" (2013)
30+ international festivals participations, official representative of Lebanon at the OSCARS 2015, 20 international and national awards and recognitions
 - Feature Documentary "Gebara" (2013)
 - Feature Documentary "Ninety" (2013)
 - Feature Documentary "Jamil and Flying Soul" (2014)
 - Feature Documentary "Ode to My Mother" (2014)
- TV episodes Producer / Director
 - i. Producer of "Said Akl" series of Lectures (21 episodes)
 - ii. Producer / Director "Lebanese Poetry" series of TV documentaries (9 episodes)
- Founder of NDU weekly Cine Club, active since 2002; a weekly cine club moderated by the Lebanese film critic Emile Chahine

International

- Curator for the HFPA Snow Leopard Award at the Asian World Film Festival – Los Angeles
- Program Director of Morocco Shorts International Film Festival.
- Program Director of Rabat International Children Film Festival
- Short Films Program Director at Rabat International Author Film Festival
- Co-Producer: "Meido" (Butter Lamp) a Chinese Feature Film, Directed by Guan Xi. (2017)
- Co-Producer: "No, You're Stupid" a Russian Short Film, Directed by Anna Zaytseva. (2016)
- Co-Producer: "Berlin, Beirut, Belfast" (in progress); a feature film co-production between Lebanon, Germany, Ireland and UK.

Esteemed indicators

- Member of the National Film Committee at the Lebanese Ministry of Culture since 2015
- Founding member, secretary: Emile Chahine Foundation for Cinema Culture since 2013
- Board Member and Jury member at the "Silk Road Film Festival" in Dublin –Ireland, since 2013
- Board Member at "Monaco Charity Film Festival (2008 till 2012)
- Middle East Representative of " Asian World Film Festival" in Los Angeles – USA, since 2015
- Jury member at Yakutsk International Film Festival in Yakutsk – Russia, 2014
- Founder of "Film Festivals Cinergy" a movement of collaboration and films exchange of 30 international film festivals (2012 till present)
- Chair: Parents Committee, College Notre Dame of Louaize, 2011 till 2013