

## Nizar Elkhater

Pianist, conductor and composer. born in Lod (Lydia), Israel in 1985.

1992 - 2003 - Classical piano studies at the Israel Consevatory of

Music, Tel Aviv, under the guidance of Ms. Malka Mevorach.

1998 – 2003 – Composition and Improvisation studies under the

guidance of Prof. Ronen Shapira.

2002 – Awarded First Prize and Scholarship for excellence in

performance, at the Israel Conservatory of music, Tel Aviv.

Soon after composes his first piece "Concerto for piano and orchestra",

which is performed with the Conservatory Youth Orchestra a year later

(2003),

2004 - Studies at the Jerusalem Academy for Music and Dance in

Prof. Zkharia Plavin's piano class.

2005 and 2006 – Winner of First prize at the "Rome For Jerusalem"

piano competition.

2007 – Wins the "Excelent Musician Award", of the Jerusalem

Academy for Music and Dance.

- 2007 Special Music Award, for performing "Gaspard de la nuit" by Ravel, at the Tel Hai International Master Class in Israel.
- 2009 Participates in piano master classes, in Vienna, under the guidance of Prof. Wolfgang Wizinger and wins the prize for the "Best Schubert performance", playing the op.42 Sonata.
- 2012 Build an ensemble of 9 players that combines eastern and western instruments.
- 2012 2017 conducting and playing with ABAAD Ensemble.
- 2014 founded "Harmonika", an association for promoting music in peripheral communities. The association also nurtures and produces musical performances for musicians who have completed institutions of higher learning in music.
- <u>2010 2018</u> Conducts over 10 orchestras all over the country, including children's orchestras and adult orchestras.
- 2016 start teaching in Kiryat Ono college music history, arrangements, composition and leading ensembles.
- 2016 start studying the  $3^{\rm rd}$  degree composition at Bar Ilan University.
- 2016 An editor produces and broadcasts the program "Alhan" on the radio "Kan Tarbut" twice a week.
- 2017 Start teaching in Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance singing lessons and leading ensembles.
- 2017 Conductor and Artistic Director of the Arab–Jewish Orchestra.

2017 - Conductor and Artistic Director of the YMCA choir in Jerusalem.
2015 conducting three young orchestras in Jaffa, Tel sheva and Hura,
and five more orchestras in Lod.

Nizar Elkhater performed over the years, in important and exclusive concert venues and festivals in Italy, Spain, Croatia, Lithuania, Germany, England, Cyprus, Vienna and more. Wrote arrangements for the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Played as soloist with Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, London Symphonic Orchestra, Ramat Gan, Netanya, Tarshiha Symphony Orchestras, and ABAAD chamber orchestra.