

MALAK ALSAYYAD

Trilingual Visual Journalist & Documentary Filmmaker | Cairo, Egypt

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PORTFOLIO

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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM - NY, USA
M.S. in Journalism, Documentary Specialization | Class of 2023

White House Correspondents' Association Scholar

WELLESLEY COLLEGE - MA, USA

B.A. in Cinema & Media Studies, Media Arts & Sciences | 2015 - 2019

Davis United World College Scholar, Albright Institute for Global Affairs Fellow

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO (AUC) - EGYPT | SPRING 2018

BARD COLLEGE BERLIN (BCB) - GERMANY | FALL 2017

LANGUAGES

Arabic | German | English

SKILLS

Adobe Premiere

Photoshop

InDesign

Illustrator

</> HTML, CSS, PROCESSING

FILM & WORK EXPERIENCE

I TOLD YOU SO | Documentary, 27 min US, Egypt, Germany | 2023

DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, EDITOR & CINEMATOGRAPHER

An intimate investigation into living with chronic pain, while fighting medical skeptics, family, and that little voice inside your head telling you that you're crazy!

- Between Women Filmmakers' Caravan Rough Cut Award 2022
- DOC NYC U Competition Award 2023 | DOC NYC - NY, US
- Best Film Award & Audience Award 2024 | Zawya Shorts 8 - Cairo, Egypt
- Best Film with an Impact Award 2024 | Aswan International Women FF - Aswan, Egypt

FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY - BERLIN, GERMANY

FREELANCER & FILM SET ASSISTANT | 2019 - PRESENT | ([SEE PORTFOLIO](#))

- Designing and executing a variety of visual projects and documentation.
- Notable credits include:
 - Erden, Dir. Celina Schmidt (2022) | SFX
 - Ara by Khebez Dawle (2020) | Editor, SFX
 - Tarik's Spiel (2021), Dir. Süheyla Schwenk | 2nd Camera Assistant

WOMEN MAKE FILM by elbarlament - BERLIN, GERMANY

OUTREACH & SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER | OCT 2020 - JAN 2021

- Designed and implemented social media & communication strategy
- Generated high engagement at virtual event and garnered press attention
- Co-developed trilingual website (Arabic, English, Kurdish)

DOX BOX eV - BERLIN, GERMANY

ADMIN & EXEC ASSISTANT | SEP 2019 - FEB 2020, SEP 2020 - MAR 2021

- Managed office administration and bookkeeping
- Edited content for director and programs

DONGOLA PUBLISHING - LIMITED EDITIONS - BEIRUT, LEBANON

VIDEO & GRAPHIC DESIGN / PUBLICITY INTERN | JUN-AUG 2018

- Created visual content to publicize released artists' books
- Directed and edited [promotional video](#) for new artist book

"WOMEN FOR COMMON SPACES" | SASHA WALTZ - BERLIN, GERMANY

TRANSLATOR | NOV-DEC 2017

- Translated (Arabic to German) first edition of "[Female Voices in Exile](#)"
- A series of short stories written by Syrian women in Berlin (by Yasmine Merei)

WIR MACHEN DAS MAGAZIN - BERLIN, GERMANY

EDITORIAL TEAM INTERN / TRANSLATOR | SEP-DEC 2017

- Supported the editorial team in planning and editing texts for publishing
- Translated and published texts - Arabic to English & German to English

CENTER FOR CROSS CULTURAL LEARNING - RABAT, MOROCCO

SOCIAL MEDIA & PUBLICITY INTERN | JUN-AUG 2017

- Created social media content in Arabic & English
- Redesigned website & created consistent brand around existing logo

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - AMMAN, JORDAN

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN | JUN-AUG 2016

- Documented stories of alumni of UNDP Arab States' Youth Leadership Program