



# Sondos Shabayek

## Filmmaker, Acting coach & Intimacy Co-ordinator

Egyptian filmmaker, acting coach, Certified intimacy coordinator and mental health coordinator in training. My work is dedicated to exploring authentically telling stories of myself and other women and being part of a truthful and honest representation of the lives of women on screen

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## EDUCATION

[Intimacy Coordinator Training program](#) created and run by Safe Sets funded by Netflix and supported by the National Film and Video Foundation and the Independent Producers Organisation in South Africa - 2022

[Masters of Arts](#), Film Directing, Metfilm school, Berlin, [October 2020-October 2021](#)

[Bachelor of Arts](#), Mass Communications, [6 October for Modern Sciences and Arts University \(MSA\)](#), Fall 2007  
GPA: 3.53/4.00

## Professional Development

[Certified Trauma Support Specialist training](#), Arizona Trauma Institute - May 2025

[Foundations of mental health coordination](#), 6 week course offered by Association of mental health coordinators - March 2025

[Consent-based teaching artist program](#) 6 week program offered by consentwizardry for artists and educators, to integrate and teach consent in different practices - September to December 2024

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## FILMOGRAPHY

Writer, Director & producer, **"Sousou's tiktok"** Short film - post production

Writer & Director, **'And me too'** feature film produced by Seera films, - in development

Producer & Acting Coach, **'Bandido'** Short film - September 2022

Scriptwriter, director, and producer, **'She Said No'** Short film, Metfilm school graduation project - October 2021

Scriptwriter & Assistant director, **'The Night Before'** a short film about FGM, as part of a film project by Arabiska Teatern on women's rights in Egypt, August - November 2019

Assistant director, **'Guide to a Happy Marriage'** a short film about gender-based violence, as part of a film project by Arabiska Teatern on women's rights in Egypt, November 2019

Scriptwriter & Director, **'Girl'** a 5-minute film about harassment - October 2013

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# ACTING COACH

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## PROJECTS

Acting coach, **Yasmeen feature film directed by Ashgan El-Hamus**, June 2024 - March 2025

Acting coach, **The Station feature film directed by Sara Ishaq**, April 2024 - January 2025

Acting coach, **"My brother, my brother" short film** produced by Punchline cinema, April 2024

Acting coach, **Conference 27 web series, produced by Seera Films**, March 2024

Acting coach **'Bandido' Short film** - September 2022

## WORKSHOPS

Acting coach, **BADLAB: Berlin's Arab Drama Lab**, March/April 2024 - Present

Acting Coach, **Acting from Impulse**, Cairo - April 2025

Acting Coach, **Couples scenes workshop**, Cairo - January 2025

Acting coach, **Memory as home improv workshop** organized by Mural collective, June 2024

Acting coach, **Method acting workshops** for actors & non-actors in Berlin, February 2022-Present

Acting coach, **Directing actors & non-actors** for film students at FilmArche, Berlin - October 2023

Workshop facilitator, **Acting, Improvisation & Storytelling for young adults**, Cabuwazi circus Tempelhof- April 2022

Workshop facilitator, **Coaching actors to use the METHOD in scene work**, Eden dock11 -March 2022

Facilitator, **Leading workshop facilitator for The BuSSy project** April 2008 - March 2020

Leading the facilitation of over 20 storytelling workshops in Egypt and abroad during the time period.

Freelance workshop facilitator **Taqaddam by British council**, December 2019 - January 2021

Facilitator, **Training of trainers workshop for gender-based storytelling workshops** for facilitators, organized by Goethe Institute - December 2020

Facilitator, **Training of trainers workshop for gender-based storytelling workshops for facilitators**, organized by Goethe Institute - May 2018

Facilitator, **Gender-based storytelling workshops to students** in schools in Sohag, Cairo, Alexandria and Damanhour in collaboration with Goethe Institute - May 2016 - present

Facilitator, **Gender-based storytelling workshops** to school students and Activists, community leaders, Social workers and workers in the development field, gender-based projects and projects that work on personal testimonies of cases in Vilnius, Lithuania - December 2016

Facilitator, **Storytelling workshops with Syrian refugees and theater students** - Wiesbaden Biennale - September 2016

# INTIMACY COORDINATION

## PROJECTS

**"I love you my narcissist"**, directed by Ali Schmahl, produced by AlefCine Pictures - April 2025

**"Debriefing the president"**, directed by Leslie Grief, produced by DTP productions LCC, Aroma Studios - April 2025

**"The Unicorn"** Short film, directed by Kajsa Philipsson, produced by Wurzelholz Kollektiv - February 2025

**"Schattenseite"** episode 1 & 5 directed by Öz Yildirim , produced by Dreamtool Entertainment GmbH - November 2024

**"Leo & Anna"** Short film, directed by Luca Serri, produced by Sara Russo - November 2024

**"DOPPELHAUSHÄLFTE 4"** directed by Rebeca Ofek, produced by iconoclast, August- October 2024

**"Jakob WT"** short film directed by Paul Schumacher. produced by HFF München - September 2024

**"The lights they fall"** directed by Saša Vajda produced by VAJDA Film UG, July 2024

**"Everytime"** directed by Sandra Wollner , produced by The Barricades GmbH, July 2024

**"Hey Geiler Araber"** directed by Abdelrahman Dnewar produced by DFFB, June 2024

**"White dot" Short film** directed by Amr Abed produced by ESCAC, Barcelona - May 2024

**"Alya" Short film** directed by Yara Melki, Beirut - April 2024

**"Deadlines 3" series** by Turbolultur - March 2024

**"Gaze"** Short film directed by Arina Popa - January 2024

**"Holy meat"** film directed by Alison Kuhn produced by Niama Film GmbH - November 2023

**"Die Zweiflers"** TV series produced by Turbokultur, August - September 2023

## WORKSHOPS

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Guest speaker, **"Intro to Intimacy coordination"** CIEE - Council of International Educational Exchange, April 2025

Facilitator, **Intimacy coordination for independent filmmakers At FilmArche**, February 2025

Facilitator, **Session on consent** as part of Crocheting beyond fears, December 2024

Facilitator, **"Intimacy coordination in the Arab Film & TV industry"** Egyptian Film Producers Club, June 2024

Facilitator, **"Intimacy coordination in the Arab Film & TV industry"** Manassat Film Festival in collaboration with Herstory Films, May 2024

Guest speaker, **"Intimacy coordinators; what, why and how"** CIEE - Council of International Educational Exchange  
November 2023 & April 2024

Workshop Facilitator, **Demystifying safe spaces in film & TV** as part of ICIC 2024 (International conference for Intimacy Coordinators) - February 2024

Instructor, **Working with Intimacy coordinators** at FilmArche - January 2024

Guest speaker seminar **"Intimacy coordination, power dynamics and consent on set"** Leuphana Universität Lüneburg -  
July 2023

Guest Speaker **"We need to talk about intimacy on set"** Objectifs Short film incubator - July 23

Guest speaker **"Intimacy coordination for Arab film industry"** by Rawiyat - June 2023

Instructor, **Working with Intimacy coordinators**, Metfilm School Berlin - May 2023

Instructor, **Intimacy coordination; the what, why & When**, FilmArche - April 2023

Guest speaker, **"Everybody: working with intimacy coordinators"** - Berlinale talks - February 2023

# THEATER

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Writer and director, **'That place'; stories of women about life inside prison**, and the social stigma afterward. A BuSSy production, Cairo - 2018

Writer and director, **'You think you're a man!'; sketches from the lives of ten young women living in one of Cairo's slum areas** about their experiences with their families and society, A BuSSy production, Cairo - 2018

Writer and director, **'The Dreams and Fears of Ten Women from Helwan'; a performance of personal stories and testimonies of 10 women** from Helwan about the social stigma of working as house cleaners, A BuSSy production, Cairo - 2017

Writer and director, **'Supposedly married'; a collection of personal stories of women from the community about marriage and domestic violence**, A BuSSy production, Cairo - 2017

Writer and director, **'Mademoiselle or Madame'; stories and reflections on the social pressures single women face** in Egyptian society, A BuSSy production, Cairo - 2016

Writer, performer, and director, **'Forced'; Forced is a performance composed of personal testimonies of rape and sexual violence** in Egypt, A BuSSy production, Cairo - 2016

Writer, and director, **'Fashoush: Blob'; Fashoush is a twenty-minute performance that revolves around the theme of heroism**, Les Substances, Lyon - 2016

Writer, and director, **'Is there hair under there?'; Stories of young Muslim women** living in west London, a collaboration between BuSSy and Lyric Hammersmith Theater, London - 2016

Writer, and director, **'500's'; stories from high schoolers' lives**, relationships, and issues with gender, family, and education, Cairo - 2015

Writer, and director, **'well-mannered girl'; stories of women and men from Alexandria**, A BuSSy project production in collaboration with the Goethe Institute in Alexandria, Cairo - 2014

Writer, and director, **'Man up'; stories of women and men** from the community about masculinity, A BuSSy project production, Cairo - 2014

Writer, performer, and director, **'Look at me'; Two friends share intertwined stories about their sexuality from childhood to adulthood**, A BuSSy project production, Cairo, Lyon - 2013

Writer, performer, and director, **'Tahrir monologues'; Collection of personal stories Egypt's revolution** - 2011-2012

Writer, performer, and director, **BuSSy performances (collection of gender-based stories)**, Cairo - 2010-2012

Performer, **Monologues from BuSSy in the Metro**, part of 'Shaware3na', a project organized by Mahatat (initiative for art in the public space based in Cairo) – February 2012