

## **EMAD ARMOUSH - BIOGRAPHY**

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Emad Armoush is an accomplished professional musician living in Vancouver, Canada and pursuing a very active career as an Arabic and Flamenco singer, Oud and Ney player, and Flamenco guitarist since 2000.

Originally from Syria, Emad had moved away from home since his youth, and has lived for extended periods of time in many countries in the Middle East, Europe, and North America, and is fluent in Arabic, Spanish and English. In his teens, he developed the passion for learning traditional Arabic percussion and soon after the singing, but his journey from Syria to Vancouver has brought him into contact with many inspiring Arabic, Flamenco, Turkish and Jazz musicians and teachers, thus expanding his endeavors over the years to learning multiple instruments and performing in these genres.

In 2002, Emad formed his own groups “Aire Flamenco Arabic Music” and “Rayhan”. He performs with them regularly at venues and music festivals. He has collaborated with many local and international groups such as “Flamenco Flow” and “Flamenco de la Mission” from Europe, the “Lache Cercel’s Roma Swing Ensemble” and the “Orchid Ensemble” from Vancouver.

In 2009, Emad joined Gordon Grdina 10-piece Arabic – Avant-Garde Ensemble “HARAM ” as a vocalist and Ney player. The band consists of some of Canada’s best Jazz and World musicians. Together, they have released their first CD and have performed at Novara Jazz Festival Italy, Basel Switzerland, Guelph jazz festival, Ottawa Folk festival, Calgary Folk Festival, Vancouver Jazz Festival, Vancouver Folk Festival, Winnipeg Folk Festival, Zula Festival Hamilton, International Folk Kansas City, Mundial Montreal, Aga Khan Museum Toronto, Sala Rosa Montreal, Victoria Ville Quebec, Push Festival, Dragon Boat Festival.

Emad has performed in many theaters in Paris as a Flamenco singer, guitarist and percussionist. He has appeared and recorded with his groups, and in collaborations on CBC Radio, Zed TV, Vancouver Folk Festival, Vancouver Jazz festival, Vancouver International Flamenco Festival, Victoria Flamenco Festival, the Dragon Boat Festival, the Harmony Art Festival, Asian Heritage Month Festival, Mondo Music, The Showcase of Global Discoveries, Simon Fraser University, University of British Columbia, Arab Culture Day.