

# MAZDA SHAHANI

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## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Composer, music arranger, songwriter
  - Guitarist and music instructor
  - Singer and vocal coach
  - Hand on experience in repairing stringed musical instruments including the guitar family of instruments, the violin family of instruments, the Piano, and various Persian instruments including the Setar, Tar, Tanbur, Santur, and Kamancheh
  - Extensive experience in playing Persian traditional music instruments such as Setar, Tar, and Bass Tar
  - Home studio maker, music recording supervisor, mix and master
  - Speaker and expression coach
  - Producer, subject matter expert, and announcer of radio programs in the analytical fields of music and poetry
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## EDUCATION

**Sooreh Music University**    Tehran, Iran

Bachelor of Music

Jul. 2004

**Honner University**    Tehran, Iran

Master of Music

Jun. 2008

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Elmi Karbordi University, Music Schools Samin and Arta** Tehran, Iran

Adjunct Music Faculty

Jan. 2009 – Sep. 2022

- Employed a variety of teaching strategies to teach college-level courses in applied music, music fundamentals, and music technology and recording
- Provided training to undergraduate music students for playing several stringed musical instruments including traditional Persian instruments
- Developed course syllabi for the music courses taught
- Advised undergraduate students in selecting relevant music courses
- Monitored student performance on a regular basis and provided feedback to students for improvement

**Iran Festival** Tehran, Iran

Music Program Coordinator and Producer Apr. 1999 – Jan. 2020

- Served as the Cultural Director of the *Tavankhahan-e-Farda* society—an organization that supports and conducts fundraising activities for physically and mentally impaired children
- Collaborated with other musicians and artists in producing several music albums (please refer to the Music Albums section below)
- Served as the selected poet in the *Holy Defense* and *Shahrivar Night* festivals

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## Other Professional Experience (ad hoc)

- Composed, arranged, and recorded more than 20 songs in 2021 and 2022 including *Empathy* and *Nowruz* songs dedicated to Iranians and the people of the world
- Composed theater music including the background music for the *Hallucination on a Blade Edge* play (the first-place winner of the *Iranian Theater Festival*, Tehran, 1998)
- Performed music for national annual music festivals in Iran including the *Fajr Music Festival* and the *Pop Music Festival*
- Composed music for several short films and documentaries, radio and television programs, and commercials
- Wrote and recited poetry for radio programs such as the *Taraneh Baran*, *Bouye Jouye Moulani*, *Motherland Songs*, *Sound and Games*, and *Tehran at Night*

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## CERTIFICATES

The concessionaire and musical director of Arta Music Institute Certificate, Tehran, Iran

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## CREATED MUSIC WORK

### Music Albums

*Dance in Fire* (by Mazda Shahani)

*Lonelier than Dream* (singer: Mazda Shahani)

*Pond and the Moon* (singer: Mazda Shahani)

*Soundless Season* (singers: Mazda Shahani and Mehrdad Valadkhani)

*Ironman* (singers: Abas Shadkamali and Mazda Shahani)

*Iran* (in collaboration with Armenia's Choir)

*Lyric Poem* (in collaboration with Shams Langroodi)

*The Hell's Garden* (in collaboration with Shams Langroodi)

*Hello Nobody* (in collaboration with Hadi Khansari)

*Scarecrow* (in collaboration with singer Kaveh Yaghmaei)

*Breathless Poem* (in collaboration with singer Kaveh Yaghmaei)

*Blessing* (in collaboration with singer Mohammad Esfehani)

*My Good Fellow Citizen* (in collaboration with singer Samin Vatandoost)

*Let's Sing Together* (singers: Saeed Azizi, Ghazal Kianinezhad, Mazda Shahani)

*Night and Star* (in collaboration with singers: Saeed Azizi and Ghazal Kianinezhad)

*Poet's Voice* (in collaboration with Shams Langroodi, Alireza Ghazveh and Fariba Saadat)

### Songs and Music Activities Websites

- [www.mazdashahani.com](http://www.mazdashahani.com)
- [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)
- [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)
- [www.beeptunes.com](http://www.beeptunes.com)