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SKILLS

Sport Event Management
Facility Design & Operations
Event Operations & Production
Sports Presentation
Project Management
Budgeting
Media Communications
Contract Negotiations
Vendor Management
Risk Management
Reporting/Presenting
Broadcast Setup
Press Releases & Speech Writing
Functional Area Integration
Cross-Functional Collaboration

EDUCATION

Higher National Diploma, Media
Dudley College of Technology
Birmingham, UK

Global Negotiations Course
Media Desk
Athens, Greece

LANGUAGES

English
Arabic
Greek

SHAHAN AKKAWI

SPORTS EVENTS - CULTURAL EVENTS - CORPORATE EVENTS - FILM & TV PROJECTS

Project director and consultant with 25 years of experience orchestrating large-scale sports events, cultural events, corporate events, and film & TV projects from end to end. Successfully plan and deliver set levels of operations and production, providing expert insight on committee operations organization for events. Multicultural background and global experience; EU passport holder, fluent in English, Arabic, and Greek

- **Sports Events:** Directed and oversaw media, broadcast, and sports presentation operations for major international sports events, including FIFA World Cup, Olympic Games, and FINA World Swimming Cup
- **Cultural Events & Film Festivals:** managed renowned festivals, including Qumra and Ajyal Film Festivals, overseeing everything from budget planning to technical setups to create impactful experiences
- **Corporate Events:** delivered high-profile corporate events, from global summits to executive conferences, ensuring impactful brand experiences and seamless execution via production management
- **Film Production:** managed several long-format feature films, documentaries, and advertising campaigns, bringing visual stories to life by leveraging deep knowledge of film and creative production techniques

SPORTS EVENTS EXPERIENCE

HAVAS EVENTS - FIFA WORLD CUP 22 - Doha, Qatar, 2022

Global Event Director - Qatar Airways installation in 21 Countries 8 venues and FIFA Fan Festival

HAVAS EVENTS - FIFA ARAB CUP 21 - Doha, Qatar, 2021

Doha Event Director - Qatar Airways installation in 6 venues

QATAR NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HOUSE, LONDON 2012 OLYMPIC GAMES - London, 2012

Head of Media & Broadcast/Production - Managed all aspects of media operations and relations during London Olympic Games 2012 for Qatar Olympic Committee House

FINA ARENA WORLD SWIMMING CUP - Doha, Qatar, 2012

Head of Media - Oversaw media services, communications, and operations set-up for FINA ARENA Swimming World Cup Doha 2012. Headed all planning and operational processes

QATAR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE - ARAB GAMES - Doha, Qatar, 2011

Head of Media Planning for Arab Games Organizing Committee - Managed media services set-up for Arab Games Doha 2011, including all venues and disciplines. Directed planning and operational activities

QATAR OLYMPIC COMMITTEE - ARAB GAMES - DOHA, Qatar, 2011

Venue Media & Broadcast Manager for Aspire Dome - Managed 5 sports & 7 disciplines, including boxing, gymnastics, wrestling, fencing, and table tennis. Conducted all venue media services and operations.

ATHENS 2004 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPICS GAMES - Athens, Greece, 2004

Associate Venue Presentation Producer - Sports presentation of Peace & Friendship stadium (Olympic Volleyball venue) and Helliniko venue (Paralympics sitting volleyball)

DIAMOND LEAGUE - DOHA, 2011; 2012; 2014

Mixed Zone Media Supervisor - Volunteer

SELECT EVENT EXPERIENCE

MOHAMMED BIN SALMAN MISK FOUNDATION - MISK GLOBAL FORUM 24 - Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 2024
Event Consultant (Partial-time contract)

RICHARD ATTIAS AND ASSOCIATES - MISK GLOBAL FORUM 23 - Riyadh - Saudi Arabia 2023
Event Project Director (Partial-time contract)

SELECT EVENT EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

IU-ME - QUMRA FILM FESTIVAL - EVENT PRODUCTION SERVICES - Doha, Qatar, 2015 Event Project Manager - Management Budgeting and Implementation of the production of the Qumra film festival 2015 - Design and Technical set up - delivery of festival for Doha Film Institute

IU-ME - AJYAL YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL - EVENT PRODUCTION SERVICES - Doha, Qatar, 2014 Event Project Manager - management budgeting and implementation of production of Ajyal film festival 2014 – Design and Technical set up - delivery of entire festival for Doha Film Institute

IU-ME - UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE CONFERENCE – QATAR MUSEUMS EVENT - Doha, Qatar, 2014, Event Project Manager - Registration - Hosting 2000 VIP Guests - Opening and Closing Ceremonies

IU-ME - HAMAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - SOFT OPENING EVENT - Doha, Qatar, 2014, Event Project Manager - Full execution for the new Doha international airport opening event

IU-ME - AJYAL YOUTH FILM FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY - Doha, Qatar, 2013, Event Project Manager - Managed full concept execution and production of opening ceremony of the Ajyal film festival including Red carpet operations, full opening ceremony for the Doha Film Institute

IU-ME - SIDRA , DAMIEN HIRST SCULPTURE REVEAL - Doha, Qatar, 2013, Event Project Manager - Managed the full concept, execution and production of the opening sequence for a show that revealed 14 large scale permanent sculptures by artist Damien Hirst

IU-ME - RAS GAS QATARISATION CELEBRATION - Doha Qatar, 2013, Project Manager - Managed the production and execution of an event for the celebration of the Qatarisation process and national program - RAS GAS

DOHA TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL 2012 - DOHA FILM INSTITUTE - Doha, Qatar, 2012

Production Manager / Al Rayyan Theatre and Al Rayyan Roof Top - Managed all aspects of build, scheduling, implementation, production, and coordination of the two theatres that hosted the festival's opening night and awards ceremonies

TED X SUMMIT DOHA 2012 - DOHA FILM INSTITUTE - Doha, Qatar, 2012, Front of House Supervisor - Responsible for front of house operation

ARABIANVISION 2010 - Beirut, Lebanon, 2010, Line producer on the Arabic version of "Eurovision" "ArabianVision" Event; budgeted, implemented, and planned all aspects of project execution. Project still pending production due to volatility in region.

FULL TIME PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE - 2000 - Present

Project Director - Management - Consultant Cultural Events - Sporting Events - TV - Film

DOHA FILM INSTITUTE - 2015 - 2021

Senior Manager Production Facilities and Post Production – Project managed build of production and post production facilities for DFI. Maintained budget; managed facilities and post production department, strategic planning, implementation, budgeting and scheduling of all DFI content. Oversaw purchase, maintenance and upkeep of production assets. Lead Producer for DFI festivals production operations and content.

INNOVATIONS UNLIMITED ME - 2013 – 2015

Senior Project / Events Manager

LEXICON AND PARTNERS - 1999 - 2000

Post Production Assistant - Tape Library Operator

PPV - Post Production - 1998 - 1999

CAR - Digital Routing / Tape Operator

SELECT TELEVISION & FILM PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

BBC Productions "Terry Jones Barbarians" & BBC Productions "Insider's Guide to Athens"

Channel 4 documentary "Helen"

BBC Productions "Athens 2004 Olympic Opening Animation"

Discovery Channel documentary "Wolf"

Hungarian Greek feature film Co-production "Last Minute"

International advertising campaign for McDonalds Los Angeles for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games

American feature film "Free Diver": Adam Baldwin, Judd Nelson, Dominique Swane and James Fox

ARMAC Films, British feature film "Talk of the Devil"

Central Productions and Refung Productions on Taiwan, Korea and Japanese Co-production Miniseries "Fall in Love in the Aegean Sea"

Multiple commercials for companies, including: Vodafone, Cosmote, OTE, Pepsi, Mercedes Benz, Citroen etc.