



Jafar Mahyari- Zendegi Theater & Film Company(ZTFCO)



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Introduction

Founded in 2000 and led by Jafar Mahyari, Zendegi Theatre and Film Company is a non-profit organization dedicated to theater and cinema for children, adolescents, and adults. Since 2010, the company has participated in various festivals across Asia, Europe, and Africa, presenting works that combine artistic innovation with profound social and cultural engagement. Its productions often explore human relationships, cultural identity, and philosophical questions, aiming to foster dialogue among diverse audiences. The troupe is continuously in pursuit of new languages in theater and cinema and strives to provide audiences with unique and transformative experiences.



Performances

- ❖ The Flower (2009): Theme: Love & Peace. Performed in Iran, Poland, Norway, Turkey, Tunisia, Belgium. (Writer, Director: Jafar Mahyari)
- ❖ The Light (2010): Performing in Iran, Tehran- A tale of reconciliation and friendship through discovering light. (Writer, Director: Jafar Mahyari)
- ❖ 1+1=4 (2013): Two children journey through the sky searching for a ball, discovering transformation. (Writer, Director: Jafar Mahyari)
- ❖ The Love (2014–2022): Performance art on love and philosophy. Performed in Iran, France, Germany and Italy International Theater Festival (SeleTeatroFest) Getting the Best. performance, Directing, Design. (Writer, Director, Designer, Actor, composer: Jafar Mahyari)

Link to the last performance: https://youtu.be/TzJiu_tXqpA Link to a review of this one :

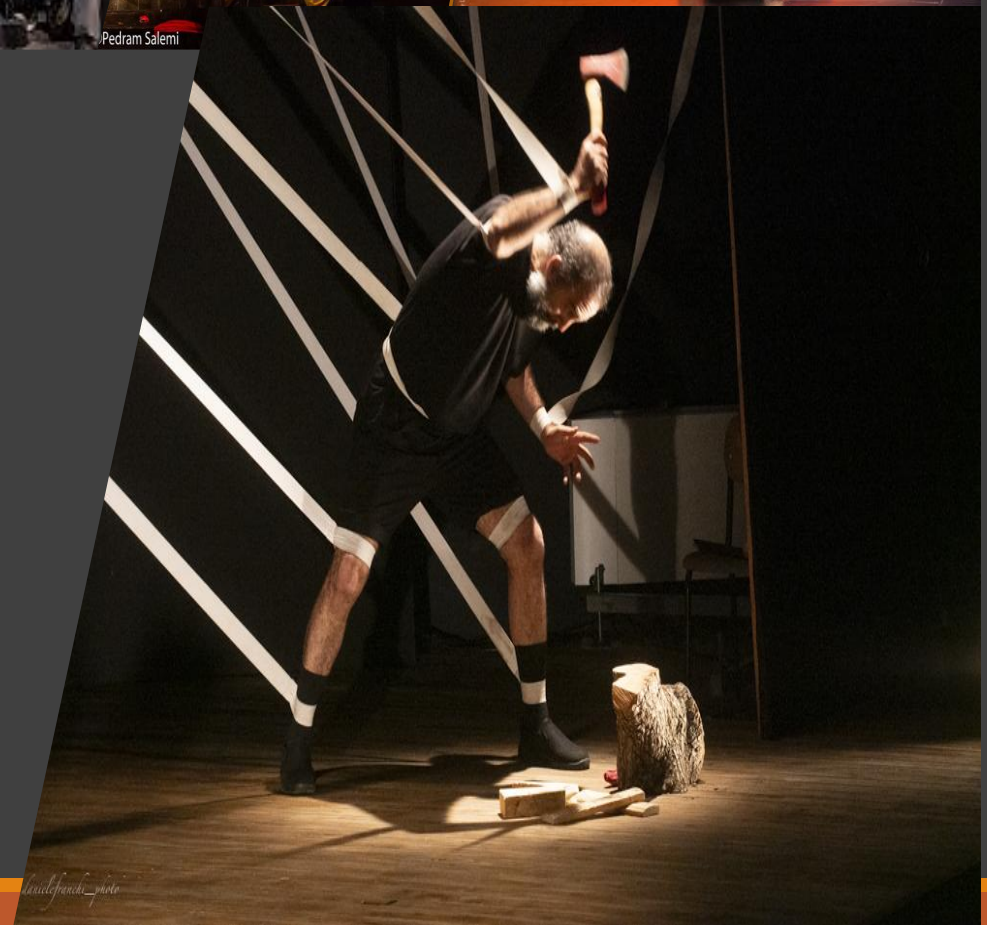
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Performances (cont.)

- When Donkeys Fall in Love (2024-2025): Theme.. Social, political. performing in Iran, Tehran- (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Mirror (2016): Iran–France collaboration. Colleagues reflect and imitate each other in prison. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Border (2016): Germany collaboration. Explores human-made mental and physical borders. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Beyond the Words (2016–2018): Movement-driven play with shadows and video art. Performed in Iran, Germany, and France. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Terrace (2020): Performed in Toronto. Focus on a woman suspended in decision. (Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Pasolands (2022): Collaboration with Ebasko Theatre (Italy). Tribute to Pasolini's 100th anniversary. (Director Jafar Mahyari)





Workshops

Jafar Mahyari and ZTFCO has hosted workshops across Tehran and Other cities in Iran, and led international collaborations in Germany, Italy, France, and Canada.

Highlights include:

- Sun Ergos (Canada): Dance & Acting (2014–15)
- Carota Theater (Belgium): Surreal Imagery (2015)
- Litecox (France): Improvisation & Composition (2015)
- Theater Am Neunerplaz (Germany): Modern Dance (2015)



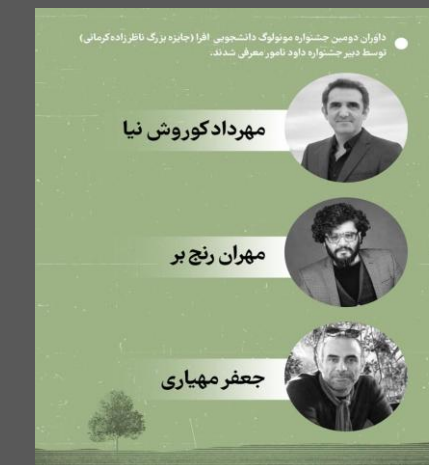
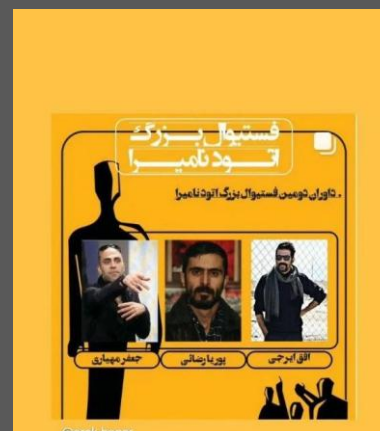
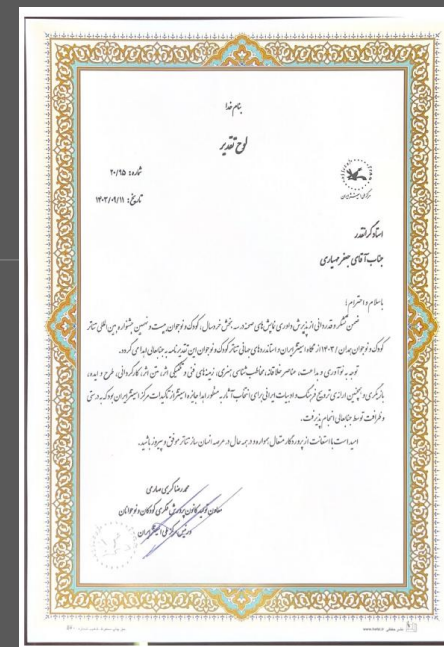


Directed & Produced Movies

- Imagination (Engareh) (2020): Screened in Tehran and Toronto. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Drama short film Haleh (2021): Screened in Iran, and Festivals. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Drama short film The Last Ring (2021): Screened in Iran and Festivals. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Drama short film. Ilda (2021): Screened in Iran and Festivals. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)
- Drama short film. Stranded (2022): Screened in Iran and Festivals Drama short film. (Writer, Director Jafar Mahyari)



Theatre Jury Activities



Links to selected domestic and international reviews

<https://mediaesipario.it/spettacoli/2995-the-love-recensione.html>

[جعفر مهیاری برنده ۳ جایزه جشنواره تئاتر سله ایتالیا | ایران آرت](#)

[نگاهی به نمایش «وقتی الاغها عاشق می‌شوند» به کارگردانی جعفر مهیاری؛ دلدادگی چند جانور میادی آداب](#)

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[Mehr News Agency یک ایرانی دبیر جشنواره تئاتر «من» در آلمان شد - خبرگزاری مهر | اخبار ایران و جهان |](#)

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[برگزیدگان مرکز ملی اسیتز ایران در جشنواره تئاتر کودک و نوجوان همدان معرفی شدند - کانون](#)

[ایران تئاتر | مطلب | همزمان با تعیین جدول برنامه اجرای نمایش‌ها داوران دومین جشنواره مونولوگ دانشجویی افرا معرفی شدند](#)

[Jafar Mahyari to Stage Sculpture in Stuttgart](#)

[Print - Iranian director to stage “Stools” in Italy - Tehran Times](#)

[Zendegi Group Performs ‘Mirror’ in France | FinancialTribune](#)

[Iranian performers collaborate with Calgary theatre group to create new show - Calgary | Globalnews.ca](#)

[Hobson's Choice: Smaller theatre groups engage kids, culture and comfort | Calgary Herald](#)

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