

# The Latest From Abu Dhabi Music & Arts Foundation



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## This Month

Highlights from the Foundation's activities and initiatives...

### **Abu Dhabi Festival 2026: Mansour Rahbani**

### **Centennial Concert**

Composed and conducted by Oussama Rahbani, featuring acclaimed artist

Hiba Tawaji



Presented by Abu Dhabi Festival as part of its 2026 abroad programme, *Ousafirou Wahdi Malikan (I Travel Alone as a King)* marked the centennial of iconic Lebanese poet, playwright and thinker Mansour Rahbani. The monumental oratorio drew on 34 selected poems, reflecting the emotional, philosophical and national depth of his legacy.

Composed and conducted by Oussama Rahbani, the work featured Hiba Tawaji as soloist, alongside the Ukrainian Radio Symphony Orchestra and the NDU Choir, and was staged at the historic Church of Sacré Cœur in Gemmayze.

## **Mansour Rahbani and Lee Bul receive prestigious Abu Dhabi Festival Award in association with Chopard**

The Abu Dhabi Festival Award was presented to two distinguished figures for outstanding lifetime contributions to arts and culture.

In Seoul, the coveted award was conferred upon acclaimed South Korean contemporary artist Lee Bul in recognition of her significant impact on contemporary visual art and her influential role in shaping artistic discourse regionally and globally.



Following the Mansour Rahbani Centennial Concert, the prestigious accolade was also conferred posthumously upon legendary Lebanese composer, poet and playwright Mansour Rahbani. It was received on his behalf by his sons, Oussama, Marwan and Ghadi Rahbani, in honour of his enduring artistic legacy and lasting contribution to Arab culture.