

Electronic Press Kit





## ABOUT HAWAS



Hawas is an independent Egyptian band that formed in Cairo in 2014. Their genre can be described as Alternative Arabic Funk; it fuses elements of jazz, funk, rock folk, and reggae, reworked with instruments including the Oud, percussions and keyboards.

The band consists of eight musicians, five of which are former members of Maghna Khan band: Mahmoud ElKhateeb (Lead Vocal), Marwan Fawzi (Accordion), Amir Rasmy (Keyboards), Hisham Anas (Oud), Al-Moataz Bellah Moussa (Lead Guitar), Mahmoud Waly (Bass Guitar), Ahmed Tito (Drums) and Bouda Abu El Yazeed (Percussions).

Hawas' openness comes from, amongst other things, the high diversity of its members, from a wide spectrum of subcultures, generations and backgrounds – ranging from -40year-old university doctor and accordion player Marwan Fawzy to -19year-old percussionist Bouda Abdul Yazeed.



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Their lyrics explore the challenges of everyday life, love, pain, self-exploration, reminiscing memories – sentiments that are naturally universal and transgenerational, making for a borderless statement about existence.

Hawas has released two EPs in 2015 titled “Hawas” and “Like Winter”. They have performed multiple live shows in the region, and have taken part in key cultural events such as Carthage Music Festival 2017, D-CAF festival 2017, and the opening of Goethe Film Week, 2016.



## Music & Videos



### Hawas EP:

The first album which includes 4 tracks through which the band presents a new vision for independent music while keeping the uniqueness of lyrics intact. The album was released in June 2015, two months before the first live performance.

Listen to the Hawas EP from [here](#)

### Zay ElSheta (Like Winter):

The second mini album, released on Christmas 2016, is a 15 minutes one track song that tells a story of a phone call between two lovers in winter. A fresh musical vision by Marwan Fawzi and lyrics by Nizar Qabbani, Nour El-Deen & Marwan Fawzi.

Listen to the Zay ElShet from [here](#)

### Taal ElSahar Music Video:





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[stepfeed.com](http://stepfeed.com)

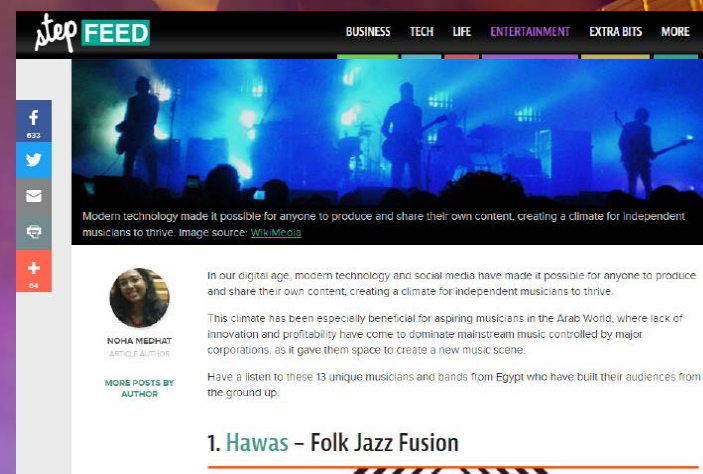
Hawas, l'obsession mélodique - (only available on French)  
[Tour.onorient.com](http://Tour.onorient.com)

Top Ten Albums of 2015  
[Dandin.com](http://Dandin.com)

Mada Mix - By: Tugrul Mende  
[madamasr.com](http://madamasr.com)

Hawas Inception - (only available on Arabic)  
[ElbawabaNews.com](http://ElbawabaNews.com)

Band of the Week: Hawas: An alternative neo pop band  
(Only available on English)  
[Movementsandlocations.wordpress.com](http://Movementsandlocations.wordpress.com)





# FEATURED GIGS

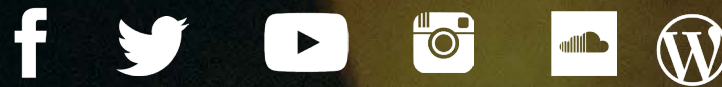


16 July 2015 - Sawy Culture Wheel  
10 September 2015 - Elbet Alwan  
1 October 2015 - Room Art Space  
22 October 2015 - Sawy Culture Wheel  
10 November 2015 - Makan  
11 December 2015 - Kafr El-Sheikh concert  
21 January 2016 - Cairo Jazz Club  
13 February 2016 - Cairo Jazz Club  
27 February 2016 - Room Art Space  
23 April 2016 - Darb 1718 (Fel Mix Concert)  
14 May 2016 - The Tap Maadi  
24 May 2016 - Cairo Jazz Club  
26 May 2016 - Goethe Film Week Opening  
23 July 2016 - Cairo Jazz Club  
10 October 2016 - El Nahda Jesuit Cairo  
14 October 2016 - Al Rab3 Cultural Center  
10 November 2016 - Sawy Culture Wheel  
12 November 2016 - Bibliotheca Alexandrina  
30 November 2016 - Zigzag  
3 December 2016 - Cairo Jazz Club  
9 December 2016 - Darb 1718 Anniversary  
31 December 2016 - Swiss Club Cairo  
14 January 2017 - Cairo Jazz Club  
25 February 2017 - Cairo Jazz Club  
9 March 2017 - Bibliotheca Alexandrina  
18 March 2017 - Sawy Culture Wheel  
25 March 2017 - Cairo Jazz Club  
13 May 2017 - Cairo Jazz Club  
8 July 2017 - Cairo Jazz Club  
14 July 2017 - The Greek Campus  
31 August 2017 - El Genaina Theater





# FESTIVALS



24 March 2017 - D-CAF 2017

12 April 2017 - Carthage Music Festival 2017 official Selection

15 June 2017 (Ramadan) - Layalina Festival - Darb1718

16 July 2017 - Alexandria Bibliotheca Summer Festival

20 - 27 April 2018 - Red Bull Fel Share3

22 June 2018 - Fête de la Musique Ciaro





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