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TARABBAND

BIOGRAPHY



Award-winning and internationally renowned, Tarabband is a Malmö-based six-piece ensemble creating contemporary Arabic music with a distinctive sound of its own.

Founded in Malmö in 2008 by Iraqi-Egyptian vocalist, songwriter and composer Nadin Al Khalidi and Swedish guitarist Gabriel Hermansson, Tarabband has spent 18 years developing an original musical language where Arabic lyrics and musical traditions meet jazz, pop and contemporary music.

At the heart of Tarabband is tarab — an Arabic expression for the state where music and emotion become one. With Arabic lyrics, powerful original melodies merging with Western harmonies and arrangements, the band creates music that is deeply rooted yet constantly evolving. The result is an energetic, expressive and emotionally charged live experience.

Tarabband has released six albums, including four studio albums, and built an extensive international touring history across Europe, the Middle East, North Africa and North America. The band has performed at prestigious venues and platforms including Cairo Opera, Tunis Opera, Gothenburg Opera House and WOMEX showcase, the Jazz Cafe in London as well as major venues and festivals. Tarabband has also collaborated with internationally recognised music ensembles, including Nordic chamber music orchestra, Musica Vitae and the Gothenburg Opera strings orchestra.

Tarabband has performed in remarkably different contexts from refugee camps and community spaces to major concert houses and international stages.

Led by Nadin Al Khalidi, Tarabband's music carries traces of Baghdad, Cairo and Malmö, while drawing on themes of identity, memory, love, fear, conflict and human connection. Arabic lyrics and vocal expression are central to the band's unmistakable identity.

Tarabband has received major recognition in Sweden, including “Tradition bearer” at Folk & Världsmusikgalan (2014), Best Group (2016) and a nomination as Best Group (2025).

ALBUMS



2026
HUB O
HARB

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2022
YEKHAF

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2020
LIVE IN
EGYPT

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2019
THE
PALLADIUM
CONCERT

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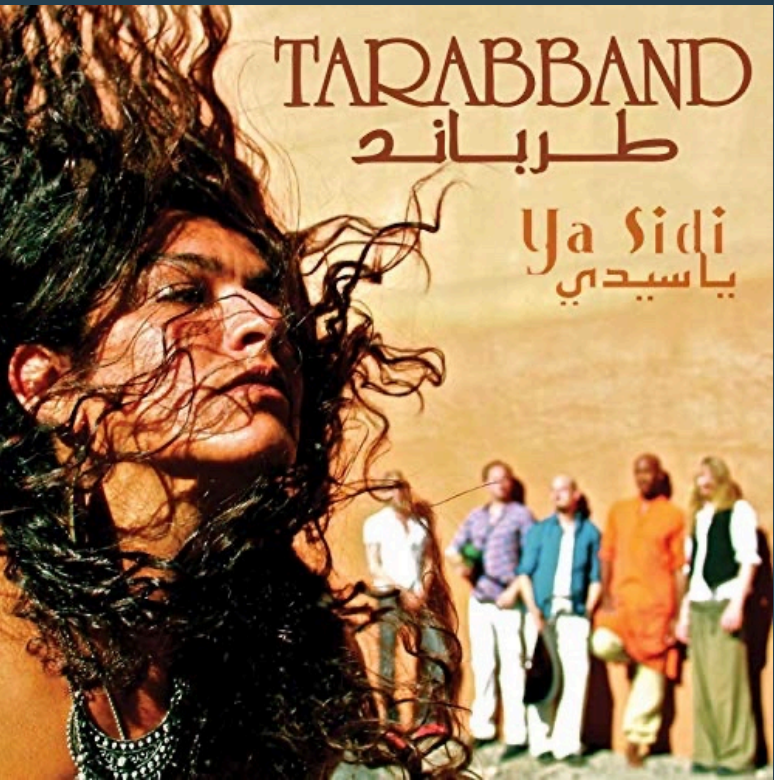
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2016
ASHOFAK
BADEN

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2012
YA SIDI

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BAGHDAD CHOBY

One of our most popular songs is “Baghdad Choby,” which puts a modern spin on a traditional Iraqi rhythm and dance style, the “Choby”, infusing it with an eclectic musical approach. The song “Baghdad Choby” has gained large popularity for its infectious rhythm, nostalgic lyrics and engaging melodies, resonating with audiences not only in Iraq and the Middle East but also in Scandinavia and globally.

The title “Baghdad Choby” refers to the traditional Iraqi dance style known as “Chobi” or “Choubi”, a lively and rhythmic folk dance that is an essential part of Iraqi culture and heritage. The dance is characterized by a group of people holding hands, following a three - phase stomp system, accompanied by music played on traditional instruments. Our fans around the world has listened to the song over 7 Million times on digital platforms.



3+ MILLION
plays on
 **SOUNDCLOUD**

1+ MILLION
plays on
 **YouTube**

5+ MILLION
plays on Free
Platforms

LISTEN ON SPOTIFY 

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BAND MEMBERS



نادين الخالدي

NADIN AL KHALIDI

Vocal / Mandol
Malmö, Sweden



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ANDREAS HOURDAKIS

Guitar / Electric Guitar
Trelleborg, Sweden



فيليب رونسون

FILIP RUNESSON

Violin
Malmö, Sweden



ماركس نيلسون

MARKUS NILSSON

Sound Engineer
Malmö, Sweden



كاسيوس لامبرت

CASSIUS LAMBERT

Bass
Malmö, Sweden



مورتن هيلبوم

MÅRTEN HILLBOM

Percussion
Malmö, Sweden



فريدريك جيل

FREDRIK GILLE

Percussion
Stockholm, Sweden

MUSIC VIDEOS



2026

DJAI

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2022

MAKAN

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2022

YEKHAF

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LIVE VIDEOS



2021
CELEBRATING
OUR DIVERSITY FESTIVAL

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2020
LIVESTREAM
FROM SWEDEN

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2019
PALESTINE
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

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2018
LIVE WITH
MUSICA VITAE

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2017
BAGHDAD CHOBY
RAMALLAH

WATCH ON  YouTube



2017
HIGHLIGHTS

WATCH ON  YouTube

PRESS

***“TELLING WAR STORIES
THROUGH ARAB MUSIC”***

theguardian

***“TARABBAND ENCHANTS
AUDIENCE WITH ARAB MUSIC
FROM SWEDEN”***

Kuwait Times
Established 1961

***“TARABBAND ROCKS THE
HOUSE”***

THE JORDAN TIMES

***“THE AUDIENCE REMAINED
UPBEAT-DANCING, CLAPPING
AND CHEERIN”***

SONGLINES

***“SUGGESTIVE AND MOVING
SONGS. A RARE AND
POWERFUL MUSIC MEETING”***


SYDSVENSKAN

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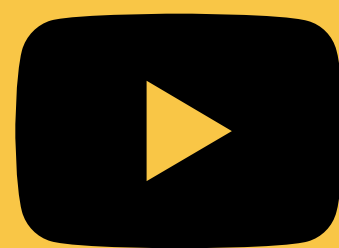


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