

WALID CHAYA

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TV

iHabibi	Lead	Providence Productions
Madam Secretary	Co-Star	CBS
Blacklist: Redemption	Co-Star	NBC Universal
Blind-sided	Lead	Comcast
The Looming Tower	Co-Star	Hulu
It Can Wait	Lead	PWCS Productions
FBI Criminal Pursuit	Co-Star	Investigation Discovery

FILM

Driving Ms. Saudi (<i>Award Winner</i>)	Lead	Moonlit Wings Productions
Skin (<i>A24/Amazon</i>)	Supporting	Maven Pictures / Oscar Winner Guy Nattiv
MAD? (<i>opposite Suzanne Bertish</i>)	Supporting	Pilgrim 7 Corporation
Saving Mr. Yamamoto	Lead	American U Cohort 16 Films
Magic Hour (<i>opposite Mariam Shor</i>)	Supporting	Pitch Her Productions
Youth Roundtable Project	Lead	Moving Image XChange

IMPROV COMEDY

The Energized Guys (<i>National Tour</i>)	Lead	National Theatre for Children
The PIT Mainstage Comedy	Lead	The People's Improv Theater (PIT)
Improv at UCB Los Angeles	Ensemble	Upright Citizens Brigade

OFF-BROADWAY

Old School Sketch Show	Lead	The People's Improv Theater (PIT)
The Shadowlands (<i>Reading</i>)	Ishmael	La Mama Experimental Theatre Club
Barnyard Follies (<i>Reading</i>)	Robert Barton	Playwrights Horizons

THEATER (PARTIAL LIST)

Radio Disney Music Show	Host	Walt Disney Co. Concert
Little Shop of Horrors	Mushnik	Hodges Theatre
Twelve Angry Men	Juror No. 4	Hammond Theatre
Disney's High School Musical	Troy	FCCA Theatre
You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown	Snoopy	Lancer Theatre

HOSTING (PARTIAL LIST)

Extra! On-Air with Mario Lopez	Guest Interviewer	NBC
LA Monologue & Song Slam	Host	The Zephyr Theatre
MENASA Diversity Showcase	Host	MENA AAC
Afternoon Tea with Industry	Host	Studio For Performing Arts LA

EDUCATION / TRAINING

Upright Citizens Brigade (UCB LA) recipient of Diversity Scholarship for training in improv and sketch comedy

Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts – B.F.A. in Theatre Performance, Magna Cum Laude Honors

SpringBoardNYC – by the American Theatre Wing, founder of the Tony® Awards, master classes with Tony Nominee's and TV/film industry pros including David Caparellotis, Marcia Milgrom Dodge & Jerry Zaks

LANGUAGES Fluent in English and Arabic, conversational Spanish

AWARDS "Driving Ms. Saudi" by Walid Chaya: **Multi-Winner**- "Best Short Film" Dubai's WOW Middle-East Film Fair ★ "Best Comedy" Asia South East-Short Film Festival ★ "Best Actor" Hollywood Chill's Film Initiative. **Official Selections**- Los Angeles CineFest, St. Louis Int'l Film Festival, Amsterdam Ind. Film Festival, Dumbo Film Festival, Richmond Int'l Film Festival, Jersey Shore Film Festival, Canton Film Festival, and many more.

SPECIAL SKILLS Extreme whistling, great at improv and sketch comedy, dialects (Middle Eastern, Indian, British, Southern, French), TV host experience, musical jazz, singing, driver's license