

NÂR (LB-CH)

Industrial / Hybrid Trance / Handcrafted instrument

improvised & analog live electronics



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Biography

NÂR is a Swiss Lebanese multi-instrumentalist, singer and composer based in Beirut.

In a constant metamorphosis, she works with various instruments, her voice and different objects she finds.

Abrasive, hypnotic, NÂR's performances are sonic experiments and live improvisations built up from A to Z, often led by short sentences on repeat like mantras.

Her music takes its roots in a very large spectrum of sounds, inspiration or genre such as middle eastern and north African trance, industrial, electronic and grime music.

In 2022, NÂR took a more radical direction and created her **Time machine**.

A handcrafted instrument composed of old clocks, bells and other metallic objects giving birth to a new dimension in her practice and allowing more rawness to her sound.

"NÂR" is not a "Project", it's a journey and the reflection of the fire burning inside me. A succession of sacred mistakes, a cult to the unknown "

Article in Les inrockuptibles Magazine by Philippe Azoury

<https://www.lesinrocks.com/musique/qui-est-nar-musicienne-puissante-programmee-a-ideal-trouble-473371-31-05-2022/>

Text by the Swiss writer Dejan Gacond (translated in English)
echoing a creation by NÂR & Zora Vipera.

The rise and fall of Icarus

First steps into the unknown. Define the texture of the ground and the air capacity. Adapte the feet to test the balance of the body. Breathe. Take your time. Palpate. Go forwards. Backwards. Grope. Open your eyes. Close them. A picture is printed... fleeting... powerful... instinctive... Open your eyes, the image is gone... Close them, it's back... Oscillating, a cloud of dazzling beauty... A dark sun with copper coloured contours staring at us, frontally... The XIX's Arcana? The acceptance of the past in order to embrace what comes next and its relative reversion of perception...

We slowly let go of the doubts floating over the reality of the experience, we begin to sense

vibrations....forgotten temporality, amniotic reminiscence of prenatal rhythms.....the picture is a creature. She moves. She fills the room. She is alive. The creature is a body. The body screams. The vibrations become music...

Open your eyes....the picture fades away... close your eyes... the creature appears... The sound slips into movement. Sometimes we think to recognize words maybe Ginsberg?....But languages blend into each other, extremities extend, fold back... Bodies become entangled.

A split vision of temporality? A stroboscopic perception of occurrences? Muybridge's reality feeling ?

While everything is enhancing, the plexus is crossed by a constant energy flow, imagined and real landscape, fantasized or visited ones collide behind our closed eyes or against our wet corneas... How can you tell?

Dejan Gacond, Januar 2020.



Collaborations

- >> Zora Vipera - Performance
- >> Frédéric Alstadt (BE) - modular synth / Angström Records (BE)
- >> John Silvestre (FR_CH) - drums / electric guitar / Typhon (FR-CH)
- >> Akram Hajj (LB) - Drums / Kinematik (LB)
- >> Why The Eye? (BE) - Handmade instruments & drum machines / Vocals >> Lalitha & Nandini Sisters (IND)- Violin / Carnatic music
- >> UK tour w/ Forks band (CH) - 2016 as opening for Acid mother temples JP
- >> Maâlem Brahim Berkani - Guembri / kerkaba — Maâlem Ahmed Baalil - Guembri / Gnawa drum - MRC
- >> Kaleidoscope of Nothingness - Dejan Gacond & Kit Brown (CH-US) (poetry installation)
- >> Junior Sfer Aka June as (LB)
- >> short film w/ Vincent Moon (FR)
- >> Paed Conca (CH-LB)
- >> Roman Hiele (BE)
- >> Armelle Scholl / Ines Mouzoune / Pascal Lopinat

Upcoming dates (2024)

- 22.02 - Garage Noord - Amsterdam - NL - TBC
- 23.02 - Futura Resistenza - Rotterdam - NL
- 24.02 - Het Bos - Antwerp - Antwerp - BE
- 06.03 - Brasserie Atlas - Brussels - BE - TBA
- 09.03 - Banal Bancal - Station gare des mines - Paris - FR
- 29.03 - Cave du Manoir - Martigny - CH
- 31.03 - Basel - CH - TBC
- 13.04 - Irtijal Festival w/ The mad laboratory of anti - matter - LB

25.04/20.05 - Korea - Japan Tour w/ The Mad Laboratory of Anti - Matter - TBC

- 25.04 - Dotolim Seoul Workshop - KR
- 26.04 - Detolim Seoul - KR
- 27.04 - Yurt Seoul tbc - KR
- 28.04 - Seoul - KR
- 29.04 - Jekye
- 30.04 - Cool Joje Jekyowith Maki Hachiva
- 01.05 - Tokye Hake Galley Tekye
- 02.05 - Airegin Yokohama with Miki Naoe und Misaki Mototuji
- 03.05 - Otote Tekye (afternoon)
- 03.05 - Forest Limit Tokyo with Keiko Higuchi
- 04.05 - Jokyo Bonobo
- 05.05 - Permian Tokyo with Morishige Yasumune
- 06.05 - Apollo Tokye(Paed only)
- 07.05 - Tokye
- 08.05 - Nananbari Tokye
- 09.05 - Knuttel House Tokyo with TORIKABUTSU
- 10.05 - Enbeach Texobashi
- 11.05 - Nagoya
- 14.05 - Big Apple Kobe
- 16.05 - Enviroment Og Osaka
- 17.05 - Metro Kyoto
- 18.05 - Nagobi Bar Kobe
- 19.05 - Studio T Bone Osaka

- 26/27.07 - Haute Frequence - CH
- 24.08 - Bruit Rose Festival - Fribourg - CH

Past dates [2017 - 2024]

2024

02.02 - w/ HARR - Grime and punishment - Mkalles Warehouse - Beirut - LB

2023

- 06.01 - Point11 - Sion - CH
- 07.01 - La tour Vagabonde - Lugano - CH
- 13.01 - Le DADA - Toulouse - CH
- 04.02 - Ten hymns for corrosion - Beirut - CH
- 04.03 - JazzWerkstatt w/Mad Lab. - Turnhalle - Bern - CH
- 09.03 - Umbo w/Mad Lab. - Zurich - CH
- 21.03 - Fuel Space - Beirut - LB
- 23.03 - Listening Curves - Mkalles Warehouse - Beirut - LB
- 31.03 - Variations Festival - Stereolux - Nantes - CH

- 23.03 - Listening Curves - Beirut - LB
- 01.04 - Codex - Arkaoda - Berlin - DE
- 03.04 - Morphine Raum - Berlin - DE w/ Mad Laboratory of anti-matter
- 05.04 - Faenza - IT
- 06.04 - Mamamu - Napoli - IT
- 07.04 - 76A - Napoli - IT
- 08.04 - Sant'agata - IT
- 10.04 - Nual Nebbia - Bologna - IT
- 12.04 - Le lac - Bruxelles - BE
- 15.04 - STRP Festival - Eindhoven - NE
- 19.04 - Bad Bonn - Düringen - CH
- 21.04 - Marseille Underground Film Festival - Soma - FR
- 09.06 - Le Tony - Paris - FR
- 07.07 - Light Marzipan and Death - Nancy - FR
- 17.08 - w/ The mad laboratory of anti matter - Beirut Art Center - LB
- 01.09 - Facciamo la corte festival - Lugano - CH
- 08.09 - MA presentation of Siavash Namehshiri - co-creation - Zürich - CH
- 16.09 - Bisque - Genève - CH
- 04.10 - w/ The mad laboratory of anti matter - Bongo joe - Genève - CH
- 05.10 - w/ The mad laboratory of anti matter - Prozess - Bern - CH
- 06.10 - Uncloud Festival - Utrecht - NL
- 21.10 - Nebbia Acustica - Perugia - IT
- 23.10 - Residency Atelier Claus - Brussels - BE
- 24.10 - Residency Atelier Claus - Brussels - BE
- 25.10 - Concert Atelier Claus - Brussels - BE
- 27.10 - Café de Paris - Paris - FR

- 16.11 - Presentation of the piece SILENCIO - 48
composed by NÂR x Contre-champs ensemble - La comédie - CH

- 01.12 - Sonic Matter Festival - Zurich - CH
- 08.12 - L'écurie - Genève - CH
- 29.12 - Frequent Defect - Beirut - LB

2022

- 03.02 - Faraway Festival - Reims - FR
- 04.02 - UN PEU - Bruxelles - BE
- 10.02 - LaVallée - Bruxelles -BE
- 25.02 - Jazzwerkstatt - Bern - CH
- 11.03 - Showcase - BMMF Festival - Mkalles warehouse - Beirut - LB
- 01.04 - Irtijal Festival - Mkalles warehouse - Beirut - LB
- 09.04 - Closer Festival - Lafayette Anticipation - Paris - FR
- 16.04 - La bellevillose - Paris - FR
- 16.04 - Ten hymns for corrosion - Mkalles warehouse - Beirut - LB
- 05.05 - Bushwac - TOTA - Beirut - LB
- 08.05 - sailing stones Festival - Bizerte - TN
- 04.06 - ideal trouble festival - Paris - FR
- 05.06 - Kilbi festival - Düringen - CH (+++)
- 09.06 - Private - Fribourg - CH
- 10.06 - presqu'île Festival - Biel - CH
- 14.06 - Damian Dalla Torre release album - Leipzig - DE
- 17.06 - Wipkingen Festival - Zurich - CH
- 18.06 - BazArt - geneva - CH
- 25.06 - OCCII - Amsterdam - NL
- 02.07 - New Radicalism festival - Rotterdam - NL

- 07.07 - le Lac - Bruxelles - BE
- 15.07 - Frequent Defect - Mkalles warehouse - Beirut - LB
- 16.09 - Boreal festival - Tenerife island - SP
- 18.09 - Label suisse - Lausanne - CH
- 24.09 - Buda Bxl - Vilvoorde - BE
- 24.09 - Nuits du beau tas - Le lac - Brussels - BE
- 01.10 - Beursschouwburg - Brussels - BE
- 19.10 - Opening of Fuel. Gallery / performance on installation
for the opening of "the weight we carry is love" an exhibition by Mohamad Sibli
- 29.10 - w/ Armelle Scholl with Ines Mouzoune and Pascal Lopinat - Le singe - CH
- 05.11 - Exist festival - Panke Culture - Berlin - DE
- 17.12 - the Gray space in the middle - Den haag - NE
- 25.12 - Frisson - Fribourg - CH
- 28.12 - Hibernatus Festival - ABC - La chaux de fonds - CH
- 30.12 - Urgence Disk - L'usine - Geneva - CH

2021

- 25.09 - improv' set - Synth center - Beirut - LB
- 17.09 - Biennial of contemporary art - Motoco - Mulhouse (FR)
- 11.09 - Fri Art -Kunsthalle - CH
- 27.08 - Nox Orae Festival - La tour de peilz - CH
- 07.08 - Bongo Joe records - Geneva - CH
- 05.08 - Private Concert - Montreux - CH
- 30.07 - Ruptured X Ballroom blitz - Beirut - LB
- 17.07 - Riwaq - Beirut - LB
- 03.07 - Terdad Festival - Sursock Museum - Beirut -LB
- 07.08 - Bongo Joe - Geneve - CH
- 27.08 - Nox Orae - La tour de Peilz - CH
- 09.09 - FriArt Festival - Kunsthalle - Fribourg - CH
- 25.09 - Synth Center - Beirut - LB
- 24.11 - Ruptured X the Ballroom Blitz - Beirut - LB
- 01.12 - Bad Bonn - Düdingen - CH
- 10.12 - Le salopard - Biel - CH
- 17.12 - Petit Bain - Paris - CH
- 18.12 - Cluster - Lyon - FR
- 28.12 - Riwaq - Beirut- LB

2020

- 18.01 - Frequent defect - Mkalles Warehouse - Beirut - LB
- 29.02 - Beirut and Beyond Festival - Internationale - Beirut - LB
- 17.10 - CTM/Morphine Records - Stream NÂR w/ Akram Hajj on drums - DE
- 01.11 - Irtijal festival - Zoukak theater - Beirut - LB
- 04.12 - Face Z Festival NÂR feat Why the eye? - Geneva - CH

2019

- 10.01 - Kill Me Fest - Bar King - Neuchâtel - CH
- 01.02 - Le bout du monde - Vevey - CH
- 09.02 - La tour vagabonde - fribourg - CH

- 15.02 - Cave 12 - Geneva - CH
- 20.02 - Le Bourg - Lausanne - CH
- 23.02 - Klubabend - Leipzig - DE
- 24.02 - Arkaoda - Berlin - DE
- 21.02 - Che Bar - la chaux de fonds - CH
- 08.04 - Cully Jazz OFF festival - Cully - CH
- 12.04 - Le salopard - Biel - CH
- 25.04 - Le satellite - Paris - FR
- 26.04 - Gare XP - Paris - FR
- 30.04 - Nuits du beau tas Festival - Café central - Bruxelles - BE
- 10.05 - Haus Mainusch - Mainz - DE
- 11.05 - La cantine - Delémont - CH
- 22.06 - Nuits des images Festival - Elysée Museum - Lausanne - CH
- 23.06 - Freakshow - La chaux de fonds - CH
- 30.06 - Fusion Festival - Berlin - DE
- 20.07 - Festival jolie vue - St.- Saphorin - CH
- 06.08 - Plage des 6 pompes - w/ Typhon - NÂR on drums - La chaux de fonds - CH
- 10.08 - Plage des 6 pompes - w/ The Kaléidoscope of nothingness - CH
- 06.09 - Point 11 - Sion - CH
- 27.09 - Urgence Disk - geneve - CH
- 31.10 - Private Party - Zürich - CH
- 05.12 - la tour vagabonde - fribourg - CH
- 29.12 - ABC - la chaux de fonds - CH

2018

- 14.01 - Europalia - Ancienne Belgique - Senyawa opening -Bruxelles (BE)
- 28.01 - Labo Cube - Bruxelles - BE
- 12.03 - 8mm - Berlin - DE
- 10.05 - Acud club - Berlin - DE
- 19.05 - Rhizom Festival - Rote Fabrik - CH
- 20.06 - Le lac - Bruxelles - BE
- 30.06 - Panorama Festival - BE
- 11.08 - Plage des 6 pompes Festival - la chaux de fonds - CH
- 17.09 - Nuits Plasma - RockeRill - Charleroi - BE
- 20.09 - Klub Kegelbahn - Luzern - CH
- 03.11 - Nuée Festival - Brasserie Atlas - BE
- 11-11 - FrequenSeas Festival - Bruxelles - CH
- 26.12 - Demo bar - Beirut - LB

2017

- 04.03 - magasin 4 - BE
- 26.05 - la Zone - Liège - BE
- 04.06 - Rhizom festival - Rote fabrik - zürich - CH
- 23.06 - the Castle - Bruxelles - BE
- 08.09 - Electric Moon Festival - Laxa - SW
- 21.09 - RockRill - Charleroi - BE
- 3.10 - Stellar Swamp Festival - Atelier 210 - BE
- 27.10 - Les belles de nuits Gender bending music festival - Zürich - CH
- 28.10 - Dead End - Bern - CH
- 04.11 - Lurendrejeren - Cistina Lavin Exhibition opening - Copenhagen (DK)
- 22.12 - Ten hymns for corrosion - Frequent defect - Yukunkun Beirut - LB



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<https://www.facebook.com/N%C3%82R-1810555345893941/>

Instagram :

<https://www.instagram.com/nadia.daou13/?hl=fr>

Upcoming releases :

2024 - NEW ALBUM - MOLI DEL TRO RECORDS - BE

<https://molideltro.bandcamp.com/>

Past releases :

NÂR ALBUM - BLAU BLAU RECORDS

<https://nadiadaou.bandcamp.com/album/what-we-talk-about-n-r>

Compilations :

<https://kashual.bandcamp.com/album/accidental-journey>

<https://osare-editions.bandcamp.com/track/ensel-ham>

<https://kashual.bandcamp.com/track/ma-tensa>

<https://kashual.bandcamp.com/track/a3-nar-tyreen>

Video Clip : <https://vimeo.com/230312063>

Live

<https://soundcloud.com/frequentdefect/nar-live-at-ten-hymns-for-corrosion>

Performance Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kVHADWf1zh8&ab_channel=N%C3%82R

Collaboration

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6p1kTfhQg0M&ab_channel=MorphineRecords

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDK6ZE9Vbqg&ab_channel=NadiaDAOU

<https://rocketrecordings.bandcamp.com/track/n-r-feat-june-as-baba-mimoun>

SHOT FILM : LIVE PERFORMANCE SHOT BY VINCENT MOON

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaiuTyxkd08>



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