

## PAIR & BATTERY DANCE

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# SPOKEN WORD AND DANCE

**JULY 12TH** AND **JULY 14TH**  
**STAGES**

**SHOWTIME 6:30PM**

**800 ROSINE ST, HOUSTON, TX 77019**

## ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

Ali Al-Kaabi and Ahmed Abdulmajeed, who arrived in the U.S. from Iraq as refugees, share their stories through spoken word and dance respectively. Battery Dance developed this concept for performances in New York City and Los Angeles and are excited to introduce it to Houston audiences. The program aims to create a space that fosters dialogue, understanding, mutual respect and cultural exchange. Q and A will follow the performance.

### ALI AL-KAABI

Dance and Song



Ali is a performing artist who was born in Baghdad, the son of one of Iraq's most acclaimed singers. His artistry was showcased in the U.S. as early as 2015 at the Battery Dance Festival in New York City. In two solo dance pieces created especially for these performances, and a song that he will sing in both English and Arabic, his personal story will be conveyed with deep emotion and in a non-literal fashion. Ali hopes to change perceptions of Muslims, Iraqis, people from the Middle East, and to spread a message of peace and understanding within the greater community.

### AHMED ABDULMAJEED

Spoken Word



Ahmed was forced to abandon his medical career in Iraq. He became a UN refugee in Jordan and then, upon arriving in the U.S., began working as a medical interpreter for hospitals and medical centers. He earned a Master's degree in Health Administration and has gained more than 12 years of experience in the language industry. His passion for providing expanded access to healthcare and education through language inspires his work in his current role as a Strategic Account Executive for MasterWord. Through a spoken word offering, he shares a personal story that will surely add depth and color to the listeners' understanding of the Arab and Muslim communities. Ahmed has been a PAIR board member since 2017.

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