

## **TWINKLING STARS**

Over the years the Arab world has been entertained by several actors, actresses, singers, designers and artists. Many have left a long-lasting impact globally like Oscar nominee and Egyptian actor Omar Sharif who passed away in 2015 aged 83, while many others had a huge fan-following in the Arab world. Here is a list of some of the most popular artists who bid farewell to the world in the last three years.

**Madiha Yousri, 97**

**Actress** Egyptian

**Died in 2018**

Yousri started her career in 1942 with Mohammed Karim's *Mamnou'a el Hub (Love is Prohibited)* and her big break came through *Ahlam el Shabab (Dreams of Youth)*.

**Amal Farid, 80**

**Actress**

Egyptian

**Died in 2018**

An actress of Egypt's golden era from 1950s to 1960s, Farid was popular for her roles in *A Date With Happiness*, *Nights of Love* and *Girls of Today*.

**Abu Bakr Salem, 78**

**Singer**

Yemani

**Died in 2017**

Abu Bakr started his career at 17 with his first song *You Are The Most Beautiful Among All Roses* and later compiled a book of his poems called *A Poet First, a Singer Afterwards*.

**Fatimah Shaker (Shadia), 86**

**Actress and Singer**

Egyptian

**Died in 2017**

Shadia started her film career in the late 1940s and went on to do over hundred movies and recorded more than hundred songs.

**Abdulhussain Abdulredha, 78**

**Actor**

Kuwaiti

**Died in 2017**

Abdulredha was best known for his role in the 1981 play *Bye Bye London* and lastly starred in a TV show called *Selfie 3*, which aired on MBC during Ramadan 2017.

**Azzedine Alaïa, 77**

**Fashion Designer**

French-Tunisian

**Died in 2017**

Alaïa's designs have been worn by former First Lady Michelle Obama, Madonna, Naomi Campbell, Lady Gaga, Rihanna, Kim Kardashian among other well-known figures.

**Mahmoud Abdel Aziz, 70**

**Actor**

Egyptian

**Died in 2016**

Abdel Aziz has starred in over 100 movies and television shows and is known for his roles in *Al Hafeed*, *El Aar* and *El Keef*.

**Melhem Barakat, 71**

**Singer**

Lebanese

**Died in 2016**

Barakat was among the few singers to perform in colloquial Lebanese Arabic. He has composed songs and collaborated with Najwa Karam, Carol Sakr and Majida Al-Roumi among others.

**Zaha Hadid, 65**

**Architect**

Iraqi-British

## **Died in 2016**

The first woman to receive the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2004, Hadid's designs include Sheikh Zayed Bridge in Abu Dhabi, London Aquatics Centre and Salerno Maritime Terminal in Salerno, Italy

## **Mamdouh Abdel-Alim, 60**

**Actor** Egyptian

## **Died in 2016**

Born in 1956, Abdel-Alim was known for his work in the television series *Layaly El-Helmiya (the Nights of Helmiya)* and in the movie *Al-Hob Fi-Taba*.

## **Zubaida Tharwat, 76**

**Actress** Egyptian

## **Died in 2016**

Tharawat worked in over 30 films before retiring in the 1980s. Her most noted works have been *Hekayet Thalath Banat*, *Bent 17* and *Al-Mozneboon*.

## **Ahmed Rateb, 67**

**Actor**

Egyptian

## **Died in 2016**

Rateb has worked in over 60 movies and featured in the play *The Leader* alongside legendary Egyptian actor Adel Imam.

## **Faten Hamama, 84**

**Actress**

Egyptian

## **Died in 2015**

Hamama starred in her first lead role at 15 in the 1946 film *Malak al-Rahma (Angel of Mercy)*. She married Omar Sharif in 1955.

## **Omar Sharif, 83**

**Actor**

Egyptian

## **Died in 2015**

Sharif took home the 23rd Golden Globe in 1966 for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture-Drama for his role in *Doctor Zhivago*.

**Nour El-Sherif, 69**

**Actor**

Egyptian

**Died in 2015**

An actor and producer, El-Sherif—born as Mohamed Jaber—was known for his films *Destiny*, *Leila Sakhina* and *The Yacoubian*.

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