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6:30 pm COCKTAILS

7:30 pm DINNER

Welcoming Notes

Norma Haddad, SEAL Executive Director

Master of Ceremonies

Nataly Aukar, writer and performer

SEAL NY 2025 Diaspora Award

Tony Shalhoub, Award Winning Actor

Middle East Airlines Pilots & Flight Attendants

SEAL Update

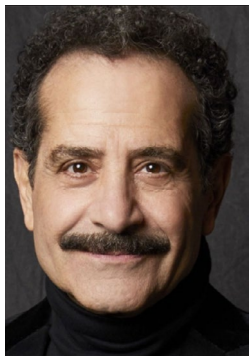
Rula Tamer, SEAL Board President

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Harry Santa-Olalla

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TONY SHALHOUB

Award Winning Actor

2025 SEAL Award Recipient

Tony Shalhoub is a Tony Award, Golden Globe Award and four-time Emmy Award winning actor with a diverse and extensive resume. Most recently, he returned to the iconic role of the beloved obsessive-compulsive detective Adrian Monk in Peacock's critically acclaimed *Mr. Monk's Last Case: A Monk Movie* receiving 'Best Actor' in a 'Limited Series or Television Movie' nominations from the SAG and Critics Choice Awards.

Shalhoub was born and raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin. His father emigrated from Lebanon to the United States as an orphan at age eight. Shalhoub's mother was also Lebanese. Tony spent most of his early acting career in the theater, after graduating

from Yale Drama School in 1980. From 1980-1984 Tony was part of the company with the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, before moving to New York. He met his wife Brooke Adams in 1990 while working together in *The Heidi Chronicles*.

Prior to the *Monk* movie, Shalhoub portrayed Abe Weissman on Amazon Prime Video's *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, for which he has won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series and two SAG awards for Outstanding Performance by a Male Actor in a Comedy Series. Most recently he received his third Primetime Emmy nomination for his role in *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.

On the Broadway stage, Shalhoub most recently starred in David Cromer's *The Band's Visit* at The Ethel Barrymore Theater, winning a Tony for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Musical. Prior to that, Tony starred in Terry Kinney's revival of Arthur Miller's *The Price* opposite Mark Ruffalo and Danny DeVito. Tony's other theater work includes starring in the Broadway productions of *Act One*, *Golden Boy* and *Conversation With My Father*, receiving Tony Award nominations for each performance. Tony also appeared opposite Diane Lane in Lincoln Center's Off-Broadway production of *The Mystery of Love & Sex*.

Tony Shalhoub is perhaps best known for his work as Adrian Monk in the hit USA Network television series *Monk* where he was Emmy-nominated for 'Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series' for eight consecutive years (2003 to 2010), winning in 2003, 2005 and 2006. Additionally, Shalhoub won a Golden Globe Award and two SAG Awards for his work on the show. Other notable TV credits include 'Antonio Scarpacci' in *Wings*, *Braindead*, *Stark Raving Mad*, *Too Big Too Fail* and *Nurse Jackie*. Shalhoub's film credits include Eva Longoria's *Flamin' Hot*, *The Assignment*, *Pain & Gain*, *The Men In Black* franchise, *Galaxy Quest*, *The Siege*, *The Man Who Wasn't There*, *Big Night*, *Barton Fink* as well as voicing the character of 'Luigi' in the *CARS* franchise and 'Master Splinter' in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* franchise.



MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES PILOTS & FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

2025 SEAL Award Recipient



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As one of the region's oldest airlines, MEA is renowned for its high standards of service and modern fleet.

The airline's unwavering commitment to maintaining operations, even when air travel in the region was fraught with risks, ensuring that Lebanon remains connected to the world, has earned it widespread respect and admiration and emerged as a symbol of Lebanese pride. Its pilots, cabin crew, and ground staff have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, often working under dangerous and uncertain conditions to prioritize the safety and comfort of passengers.

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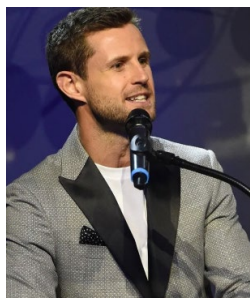


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NATALY AUKAR Writer and Performer

Nataly Aukar is a Lebanese born and raised writer and performer based in NYC. As a stand-up comic, Nataly has toured the world, opening for comedians such as Ramy Youssef (Ramy), Mo Amer (Mo, Black Adam), and Gad El Maleh (Huge in France) and was featured in the Netflix is a Joke Festival as part of the "Introducing..." showcase and on Don't Tell Comedy. She also starred, alongside Succession's Hiam Abbas, in the short film "Sofa So Good" which was highlighted in The New Yorker. Nataly premiered her one-hour solo show "Ramy Youssef presents: Nataly Aukar, My Turn to Talk" last summer to two sold-out audiences at Joe's Pub in New York City, and is currently touring a new hour of stand up around the world.



HARRY SANTA-OLALLA

Harry Santa-Olalla, 'The Fundraising Guy', is a professional auctioneer and experienced fundraising consultant, with a passion and proven ability to help not for profits raise dramatically more revenue throughout campaigns.

Born and raised in the UK, Harry began his fundraising career in London. He worked closely with many of Europe's largest not for profits, utilizing technology and an engaging methodology to help them raise more at gala benefits. Identifying New York as the fundraising capital of the world, he 'hopped the pond' full time in 2014, and has not looked back since.

Harry now supports many of the largest not for profits stateside, both as a pre-campaign consultant, and on stage during the events themselves.

Harry has a unique ability to tastefully draw something out of everyone, uniting rooms to a common fundraising goal, coupled with integrity and a sharp wit. @harrysanta

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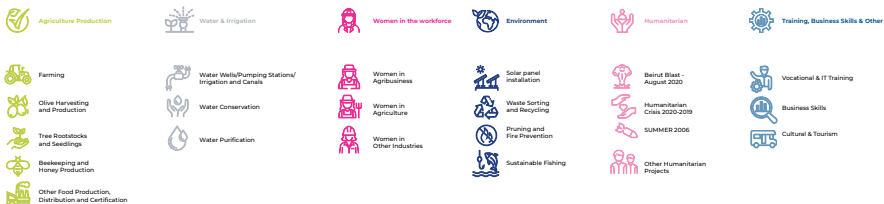
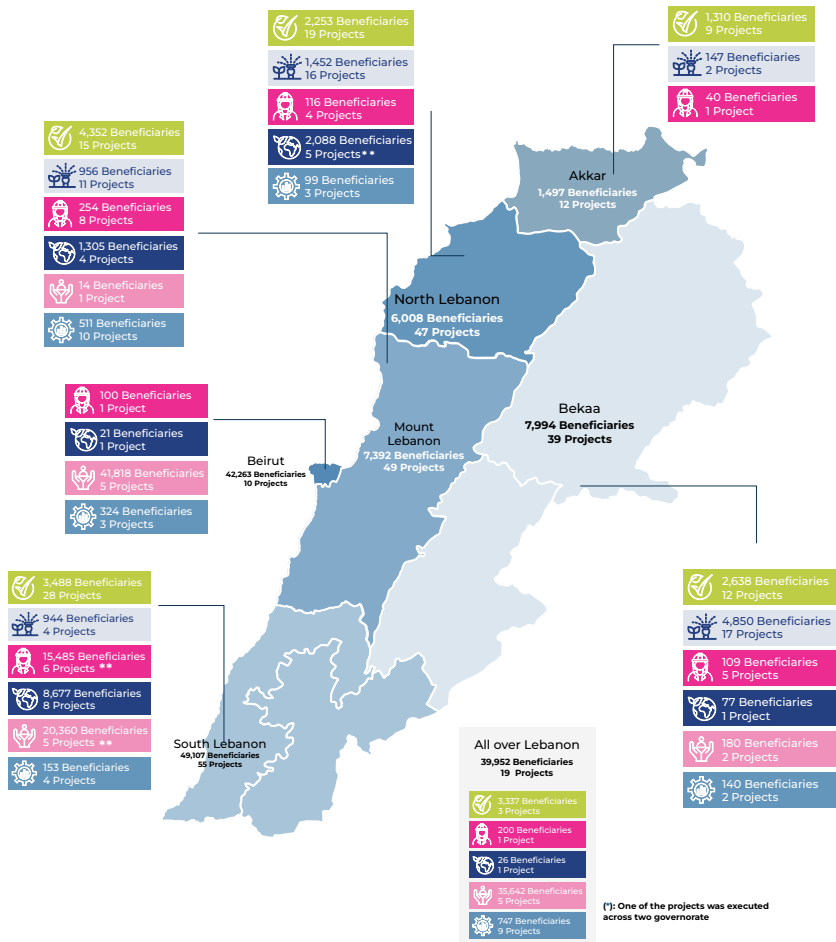
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