



Soumaya **A**kaaboune
Actress

Harcourt
PARIS



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Soumaya Akaaboune was born in Tangier, Morocco. At the age of fourteen, she left home to study ballet at the esteemed International School of Performing Arts and Dance, “Mudra” in Brussels, run by choreographer Maurice Bejard.

After snapping her Achilles tendon in 1989, Soumaya had to give up a career in dancing and pursued her other love of acting.

She started by starring in The West End - at the Whitehall Theater in London - in the production “Voyeurz,” directed by Peter Rafelson. Soon, she moved into television and film, working internationally helped by her language skills. Soumaya is fluent in English, French, Arabic and Spanish.

As well as playing in major productions, such as “Green Zone” opposite Matt Damon, she has now become the “darling of Morocco” after her recent successful television series, “Waddi” and “Meqtoue Men Chejra” - both garnering seven million terrestrial viewers per episode.

Soumaya lives between Tangier and Los Angeles.

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S o u m a y a A k a a b o u n e

Height: 5'6" Hair: Dark Brown Eyes: Brown

LANGUAGES: Fluent in English, French, Spanish, Moroccan, Arabic,
SKILLS: Dancing (Modern & Ballet), Belly Dancing, African Drums, Piano

Training: The Loft Studio, LA – Cynda Jackson ~ Knotts and Bolts – Roy London
The International School of Performing Arts and Dance “Mudra” – Maurice Bejard

F i l m

REDEMPTION DAY

Dir: Hicham Hajji

TOILE D'ARaignEE

Dir: Abdelhai Laraki

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Dir: David Batty

LOOKING FOR OUMKAHLTOUM

Dir: Sherin Neshat

CATCH THE WIND

Dir: Gaël Morel

THE AFINA TALES OF THE LOST WORLD

Dir: Yassine Marco Marroccu

DJINN

Dir: Toby Hooper

LOVELACE

Dir: Rob Epstein/Jeffrey Friedman

PLAYING THE FIELD

Dir: Gabriele Muccino

WHEN VOICES FADE

Dir: Erika Cohn

GREEN ZONE

Dir: Paul Greengrass (with Matt Damon)

LAST SUMMER IN TANGER

Dir: Alexandre Arcady/France

THE RENDEZ-VOUS

Dir: Moumen Smihi/Morocco

STRAW DOLLS

Dir: Jillali Ferhati/Morocco

HOUSE ARREST

Dir: Peter Conti/USA

A DOOR IN THE SKY

Dir: Farida Ben El Yazid/Morocco

WHITE DOVE

Dir: Juan Mignon/Spain (with Antonio Banderas)

LOVE STORY

Dir: Ducci Tessari/Italy

EASTER WIND

Dir: Gilles Behat/France

Television

THE SPY
DEEP STATE:
RDAT L'WALIDA
GHOUL
WAADI2
SPIDER'S WEB
HYATI
WAADI
MEQTOE MEN CHEJRA
A.D. THE BIBLE CONTINUES
GOODBYE DUBAI
ABROAD
ESTHER
I'M STILL HERE DAMNIT
MOSES
HIGHLANDER
UP ALL NIGHT
SLAVE OF DREAMS
THE ODYSSEY

Dir: Gideon Raff (With Sasha Baron Cohen)
Dir: Matthew Parkhill
Dir: Zakia Tahiri
Dir: Said Naciri
Dir: Yassine Fennane
Dir: Abdelhay Laraki
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Dir: Abdelhay Laraki
Dir: Tony Mitchel
Dir: Hansjorg Thurn
Dir: Oliver Schmidt
Dir: Raffaele Mertes/TNT
Dir: Marty Cahlner/HBO
Dir: Joseph Sargent/TNT (with Ben Kingsley)
Dir: Adrian Paul/USA Network
Dir: Sandra Bernhard/Channel Four UK
Dir: Robert Young/TNT
Dir: Andre Koncholvski/CBS

Theatre

I'M STILL HERE DAMNIT
CONFUSION UNDER SMOKE
SEA OF CORTEZ
WORK IN PROGRESS
VOYEURZ

Dir: Marty Cahlner – Booth Theatre, Broadway
Dir: Ahmed Mananni (Award for Best Actress)
Dir: John Stepling – Padua Hill Theatre, LA
Dir: Sandra Bernhard – Luna Park, LA
Dir: Peter Rafelson – Whitehall Theatre



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