



PROFESSIONAL  
FELLOWS



## MONA SOLIMAN

*Cairo, Egypt*

Ms. Mona Soliman co-founded Wasla in 2018 to provide opportunities and support for the performing arts in her community. Her organization creates a convening space for artists to meet, offers training and workshops for artists and companies, and provides support and legal guidance for artists on how to register activities with the Egyptian government. Additionally, Mona is the Head of the Media Center for the Ministry of Culture, where she is responsible for the media and press coordination for more than 10 theatre troupes. Previously, she was the Co-Executive Director for the Cairo International Festival for Experimental Theatre and a freelance performer.

### *Professional Goals*

In the future, Mona would like to be involved in the international community of performing arts and arts management, to study physical theater, and to help establish a cultural center in one of the more remote villages in Egypt. This center would allow people in rural communities to convene to create art, express themselves, and to use art for change and empowerment.

### *Professional Fellows Program Objectives*

Through the Professional Fellows Program, Mona hopes to improve her presentation and management skills, and to learn how to transform her ideas into plans that meet the needs of community members.