

Watani77: Prosthetics for Palestine Benefit Concert

Event Recap & Impact Summary

Saturday, July 18, 2026 | Cairo Coffee | Detroit, Michigan

On Saturday, July 18, Detroit's Arab American community and allies came together for **Watani77: Prosthetics for Palestine Benefit Concert**, an evening of music, culture, and collective action that successfully raised **\$10,000** in support of **Prosthetics for Palestine**, an all-volunteer initiative of **Physicians for Palestine (501(c)(3))**.

The event demonstrated the power of grassroots organizing and community solidarity, bringing together artists, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and supporters from across Metro Detroit to invest in long-term rehabilitation and prosthetic care for Palestinians living with limb loss.

Community Impact

Fundraising Goal Achieved

- Raised **\$10,000** for Prosthetics for Palestine.

Community Attendance

- More than **100 attendees** representing all walks of life participated in the family-friendly event.
- Additional supporters contributed through online donations before and during the event.

Artists Donated Their Performances

- Tarik "Excentrik" Kazaleh & The Shadow Band (Bay Area, California)
- Valid
- Le'Jend
- ChromaSynthesis
- Layan Srour
- Zekkereya Al-Magharbel

As co-founder of Prosthetics for Palestine, Tarik "Excentrik" Kazaleh continues to merge music and philanthropy, traveling throughout the United States with The Shadow Band to support humanitarian relief efforts through benefit concerts and educational programming.

A Community Effort

The success of Watani77 was made possible through extraordinary generosity across Metro Detroit.

Community Support Included:

- 11 local vendors offering food, desserts, jewelry, Arab fashion, art prints, ceramics, henna, gifts, and handmade goods.
- 9 local business sponsors who donated an abundance of food and beverages.
- 8 raffle donors who contributed gift certificates and curated items.
- 5 mission-aligned nonprofit and business community sponsors.
- Local music businesses that donated professional audio equipment.
- Volunteer sound engineers who generously donated their expertise and time.
- More than a dozen volunteers who supported planning, setup, logistics, hospitality, fundraising, and event operations.

Special thanks to City of Asylum/Detroit for hosting Tarik "Excentrik" Kazaleh and The Shadow Band in an artist microresidency at The American Riad, helping bring this unique artistic collaboration to Detroit.

We are also deeply grateful to Cairo Coffee for generously donating the event venue after an air quality advisory required a last-minute move indoors. Their partnership ensured the event could proceed safely while preserving the spirit of community and solidarity.

Supporting Long-Term Humanitarian Care

Founded in 2023, Prosthetics for Palestine works alongside Palestinian medical professionals and international partners to expand prosthetic care, rehabilitation, education, research, and long-term medical infrastructure across Gaza, the West Bank, and the Palestinian diaspora.

Just one week before Watani77, the organization announced a significant milestone: the first prosthetic limbs arrived at the Artificial Limb and Polio Centre (ALPC) in Gaza, where patients are now beginning rehabilitation.

Funds raised through Watani77 will help support:

- Purchasing two ambulances in Palestine
- Building a prosthetics clinic in Ramallah
- Supporting a prosthetics training program and research infrastructure in collaboration with MIT
- Expanding amputee rehabilitation and prosthetic care across Gaza, the West Bank, and the Palestinian diaspora

The Work Continues

Although Watani77 reached its fundraising goal, the need for sustained humanitarian support remains urgent. Every contribution helps restore dignity, mobility, and independence while investing in long-term systems of care led in partnership with Palestinian medical professionals.

The success of Watani77 stands as a testament to what is possible when artists, businesses, nonprofits, volunteers, and neighbors come together in solidarity. It was more than a concert. It was a community commitment to healing, justice, and hope.

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