

KARIM NAGI

A rhythm guide from the #MannMusic Room



ABOUT KARIM NAGI

Karim Nagi is a native Egyptian immigrant to the USA and a true crossover artist uniting the Arab tradition with the global contemporary world. As a dance and drum teacher, Nagi has taught in dozens of festivals in the United States, Asia, Europe, and Cairo, as well as and most major Arab Culture festivals in the USA. He is also a public speaker with a TEDx Talk.

His most recent project, “Detour Guide”, incorporates English language storytelling with Arab music & rhythm, along with graphic & video art, to describe the experience of Arab life & culture. Over the past four years Nagi has been the beneficiary of two Doris Duke Grant for the Islamic Arts through the Virginia Tech “Salaam” project and Young Audiences of New Jersey “United We Creat.” He has also just been re-elected for a second term to the Board of Directors for Chamber Music America. In September, he gave a TEDx Talk, “The Tambourine, My Partner is Diplomacy & Disruption”, which can be seen on the official TED website.



EGYPT

Egypt is a country in the northwest region of Africa. The country borders Libya to the West, Sudan to the South, and Israel to the northeast. To the north is the Mediterranean Sea and to the East is the Red Sea. Its capital city is Cairo and the national population is just below 100 million people. The major river in Egypt is the Nile which flows for over 4,000 miles and runs through or along the border of 10 other African countries, namely, Burundi, Tanzania, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. Without the Nile River, all of Egypt would be desert. Only about an inch (2.5 centimeters) of rain falls throughout Egypt each

year. But each summer, the river rises because of rains at its source far to the south in Ethiopia. Floods cover the river’s valleys, leaving sediments needed for trees, plants, and crops to grow.

For thousands of years, the river has provided a source of irrigation to transform the dry area around it into lush agricultural land. Today, the river continues to serve as a source of irrigation, as well as an important transportation and trade route.

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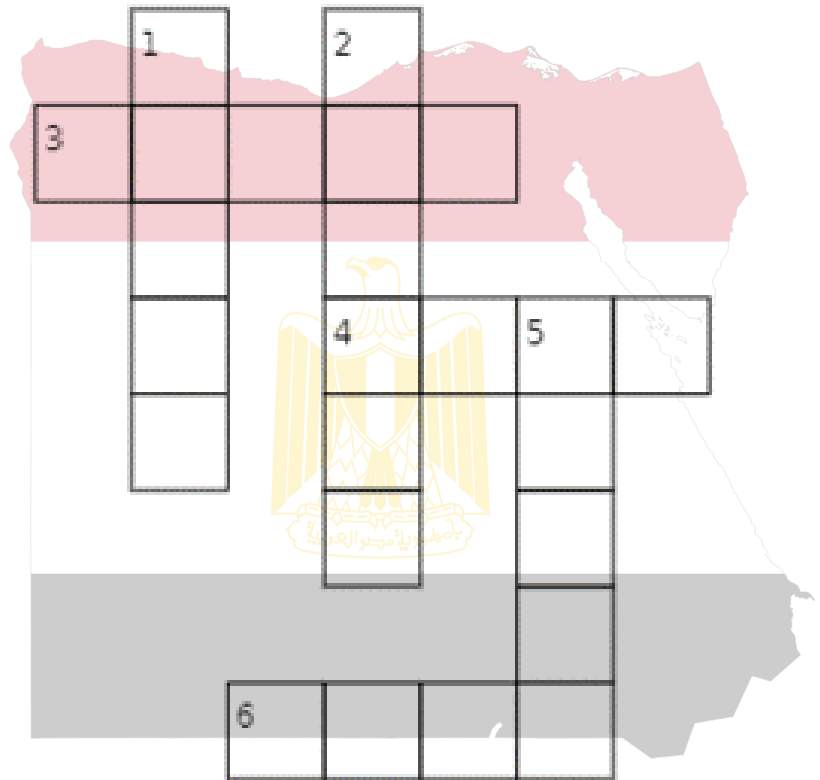
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Down:

1. The capital city of Egypt
2. The Moroccan word for the drum played in Karim Nagi's video
5. The English word for the drum played in Karim Nagi's video

Across:

3. The Syrian word for the drum played in Karim Nagi's video
4. The Egyptian word for the drum played in Karim Nagi's video
6. A long river that has provided nourishment to Egypt for thousands of years

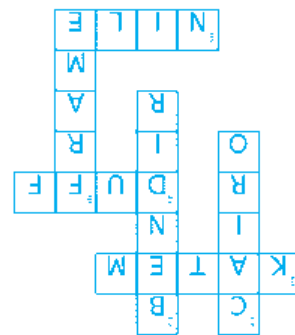


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