

RONNY SOMECK

RONNY SOMECK was born in Baghdad in 1951 and came to Israel as a young child. He studied Hebrew literature and philosophy at Tel Aviv University and drawing at the Avni Academy of Art. He has worked with street gangs, and currently teaches literature and leads creative writing workshops.

He has published 9 volumes of poetry (The last called "The Milk Underground") and book for children with his daughter Shirly ("The Laughter Button").

He has been translated into 39 languages.

Selections of his poems have appeared in Arabic translation, French, Catalan, Albanian, Italian, Macedonian and English.

He is recipient of the Prime Minister's Award, Yehuda Amichai Award for Hebrew poetry, The "Wine poem award" in Struga Poetry Evenings, Macedonia, 2005 and Hans Berghuis prize for poetry 2006 in the Maastricht International Poetry Nights. Holand

He recorded with the musician Elliott Sharp 3 CD's: "revenge of the stuttering child", "Poverty Line" and "Short History of Vodka."

In 1998 he made an exhibition "nature's Factory, winter 2046" with Beny Efrat in Israel museum.

In 2004 made "Hawadja Bialik" and in 2007 made "Rehal Madrid"-two exhibitions in "The Museum of Israeli Art, Ramat-Gan".

He is a member in the Public Council of "Batsheva Dance Company" and at the Hebrew- Arabic Theatre