



# NAVID NEGAHBAN

"Very dashing, with an old-fashioned matinee-idol air...  
the closest thing we have to the late Omar Sharif."

— GQ Magazine



Aladdin



Legion



Serpent Queen



12 Strong



Damascus Cover

## BIOGRAPHY

Navid Negahban is an Iranian-American actor, writer, producer, and director whose work spans four decades, three continents, and countless transformations. From the Emmy-winning *Homeland* to Disney's billion-dollar *Aladdin*, from Marvel's *Legion* to Netflix's *The Night Agent*, he has built a career defined by range, depth, and an unwavering commitment to humanizing every character he portrays.

His journey began in Mashhad, Iran, where at 17 he discovered mime and physical performance while working with a deaf theater company — an experience that would forever shape how he approaches a role. At 20, he fled during the Iran-Iraq war, crossing through Turkey and Bulgaria before landing in a refugee camp in Ingelheim, Germany. What could have been an ending became a beginning: he joined the Rheinland-Pfalz Theater in Kaiserslautern, spending eight years immersed in the craft before arriving in the United States in 1993, fluent in English, Persian, and German.

His latest short film *The Apple Tree* — which he wrote, directed, produced, and starred in — won Best Short Film at the Japan Indies Film Festival (2025). In 2019, he founded the Romany Road Artist Foundation, an artist colony supporting emerging talent.

## SELECTED CREDITS

**TELEVISION:** *The Night Agent* (Netflix) • *Splinter Cell: Deathwatch* (Prime Video) • *The Old Man* (FX) • *Tehran* Season 1 (Apple TV+) • *The Serpent Queen* (Starz) • *Legion* (FX) • *Homeland* (Showtime)

**FILM:** *Kandahar* (2023) • *Aladdin* (Disney 2019) • *12 Strong* (2018) • *American Assassin* (2017) • *American Sniper* (2014) • *Baba Joon* (2015, 5 Ophir Awards)

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## PRODUCER / DIRECTOR

**Director/Writer/Producer/Actor:** *The Apple Tree* (Best Short Film, JIFF Japan 2025)

**Executive Producer:** *Baba Joon* (5 Ophir Awards incl. Best Picture), *1979 Revolution: Black Friday*, *London Arabia*,

**Producer:** *The Divorce*, *Osprey*

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**BAFTA Nomination** — Best Performer, Video Game (*1979 Revolution*, 2017) — First Iranian actor nominated  
**Best Short Film** — Japan Indies Film Festival (*The Apple Tree*, 2025)  
**Best Actor** — European Cinematography Awards (*London Arabia*, 2020)  
**Best Actor** — Canadian Cinematography Awards (*London Arabia*, 2020)  
**Best Actor** — New York Cinematography Awards (*London Arabia*, 2020)  
**Man at His Best Award, Esquire** — Cultural Ambassador (Dubai, 2013)  
**Best Actor** — Noor Iranian Film Festival (*Liberation*, 2011)  
**5 Ophir Awards** — *Baba Joon* (Exec. Producer), including Best Picture (2015)

## PRESS HIGHLIGHTS

"He disappears into his roles." — Scene Creek (*Baba Joon*)

"Navid once again transforms." — Variety (*Baba Joon*)

"Navid Negahban successfully transforms the Sultan from comic relief into a more serious role." — Movie News Net (*Aladdin*)

"The greatest nuance comes from Negahban." — Austin Chronicle (*12 Strong*)

"An excellent Navid Negahban." — Associated Press (*12 Strong*)

"A charismatic Navid Negahban." — The New York Times (*Homeland*)

"Navid Negahban has imbued Farouk with all the psychopathic charm you could ask for in a villain." — Paste Magazine (*Legion*)

"Charming, yet always dangerous feeling." — Hogan Reviews (*Legion*)

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