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Borderlands and Ethnic Studies Department at New Mexico State University
Present

SHAHADAT (THE TESTIMONIES)

By Fouad Teymour
Adapted from Dr. Manal Hamzeh's research
Directed by Tina El Gamal

Cast

Anelga Hajjar	Yasmine
Marielle Issa	Ola
Tina El Gamal	Samira
Annalise Raziq	Hewar/Manal
Faiz Siddique	Rajul
Jamila Tyler	Stage Directions
Lucia Thomas	Oud Musician

Based on Dr. Manal Hamzeh's scholarship, *Shahadat* is an interdisciplinary theatre project based on the testimonies of three Egyptian women who experienced state-sponsored sexual violence during the Egyptian Revolution of 2011. This project is rooted in Arab feminist methodologies and challenges patriarchal oppression and its "usefulness" to the Egyptian state, while centering the stories of three incredibly brave activists in their pursuit of justice.

IVP 2024 CONTINUES WITH....

Monday, November 11th: Green Corridors by Natalia Vorozhbyt translated by John Freedman and Natalia Bratus in collaboration with Trap Door Theatre

Monday, November 18th: Dream of Autumn by Jon Fosse translated by Sarah Cameron Sunde in collaboration with the Center for Scandinavian Studies at North Park University

Monday, November 25th: Seduction by translated by Neil Blackadder in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut Chicago.



Dr. Manal Hamzeh is a full professor, co-founder of the Department of Borderlands and Ethnic Studies (BEST) at New Mexico State University (2022—), and director of the new BEST Research Center. Manal is the founder of BEST's decolonial research and knowledge creation minor (2024). Manal collaborated with Silk Road Cultural Center and Jamil Khoury on adapting her scholarly work into the animated short film, *The Four Hijabs* (2016). She is the sole author of *Women Resisting Sexual Violence and the Egyptian Revolution: Arab Feminist Testimonies* (2020) and *Pedagogies of DeVeiling* (2012). Manal also led the artistic creation of *Three Women of Tahrir: Stories from the Egyptian Revolution*—a graphic documentary (2022).



Fouad Teymour is a Chicago-based Egyptian American playwright. He is an associate artist of Silk Road Cultural Center (SRCC), a resident playwright at Chicago Dramatists (CD), and a board member of International Voices Project (IVP). The Jeff-nominated (best new work, best scenic design) world premiere of his play *Twice, Thrice, Frice...* directed by Patrizia Acerra, was co-produced by SRCC and IVP. It was listed among Chicago Best Plays 2019 by *Picture this Post*. His play *Blue Fish in A Tall Clear Vase*, directed by Jason Smith, was produced at Three Cat Productions (2017). His plays received several staged readings, most recently *An Afternoon with my Mother* in the Chicago Dramatists' Out the Box festival (2023) and *Egyptian Bride* in IVP 2023, both directed by Warner Crocker. *Twice, Thrice, Frice...* was most recently performed at the American University of Cairo theater in October 2024.



Tina El Gamal (they/she) is a Chicago-based actor, director, educator, writer, community advocate, and arts administrator. They hold a BFA in Acting from the University of Illinois at Chicago. They have worked as an actor and director at regional theatres nationwide, including Steppenwolf Theatre Company, Chicago Shakespeare, Portland Opera, Silk Road Cultural Center, Steep Theatre, Remy Bumpo, and more. Tina was recently featured in Newcity Mag's Players 50 2022. She is represented by Big Mouth Talent. You can learn more about what she's up to at www.tinaelgamal.com



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