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From the Desk of Founding Artistic Director Jamil Khoury



Rohina Malik is a gifted storyteller grounded in experiences seldom seen on the American stage. Her voice is as dramatically compelling as it is vital to our times. In *Yasmina's Necklace* she has crafted a beautiful story about negotiating one's past and one's heart. Silk Road Rising is honored to be presenting this exciting new play as a weekend of staged readings. Witness and engage!

A Staged Reading of *Yasmina's Necklace*



ABOUT YASMINA'S NECKLACE

Meet Abdul Samee, his father is Iraqi and his mother is Puerto Rican. Longing to shed his cultural identity he changes his name to Sam, marries an American and does everything in his power to turn his back on his heritage. But when Sam meets Yasmina, a beautiful woman from his father's homeland, he begins to learn that a tree without roots cannot stand for long.

Featuring: Laura Crotte*, Carlo Garcia*, Madrid St. Angelo*, Mark Ulrich*, Juan Villa*, Vijay Bhargava, Anu Bhatt and Susaan Jamshidi. Music composed and performed by Steve Gibons.

*Member of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States.

VENUE

Performances held at Pierce Hall at The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 W Washington St, Chicago

DATES

Friday, January 17 at 8pm
Saturday, January 18 at 4pm
Sunday, January 19 at 4pm

TICKETS

Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (312) 857-1234 x201.

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PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

We are easily accessible by major RTA and CTA routes. If driving, take advantage of our \$8 parking arrangement with Self Park, 230 W Washington St (building with Cosi restaurant).

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Presented in collaboration with the Ismaili Community of Chicago, an *Artistic and Cultural Diversity Initiative* funded by The Chicago Community Trust.

Meet Playwright Rohina Malik

Rohina Malik is a critically acclaimed playwright, actress and solo performance artist. She was born and raised in London, England, of South Asian heritage. Rohina is a resident playwright at Chicago Dramatists, and an artistic associate at the 16th Street Theater. Her work has been produced or developed at The Goodman Theatre, Victory Gardens Theater, 16th Street Theater, Brava Theater, Crossroads Theater, Chicago Dramatists, and Theater Project Baltimore. Rohina was recently awarded the Y Award with the Evanston YWCA for her work to end racism and empower women.

Rohina's beautiful storytelling and her passion for justice create a theatrical feast. Chris Jones of the Chicago Tribune writes "Rohina Malik is a remarkable new theatrical voice in Chicago."



What Kind of Tree Are You?



YASMINA
Can I ask you something?

SAM
Sure.

YASMINA

What kind of tree are you?

SAM
Sorry?

YASMINA
(She laughs) My mother would ask me that. When I was an angry teenager. She would say "Yasmina, what kind of tree are you? And I would give her a dirty look and say, "Mama, what kind of stupid question is that?"

SAM
And what was her response?

YASMINA
She said, "Are you like the wicked tree, whose roots are weak, so weak that any storm can blow you away? Destroyed. People with no roots allows others to define them, because they does not know who they are, where they comes from and where they are going." Then she said, "Or are you like the goodly tree. Your branches reach high towards the heavens. No storm, no matter how violent, can uproot you. Your roots are deep, established firmly in the earth." I can still hear her voice like it was yesterday.

SAM
You must miss her.

YASMINA
Yes. I do. (Beat) So, tell me Abdul Samee. What kind of tree are you?

SAM (Pause) I don't know.

YASMINA
Find out, because the storm is coming. In life, there is always a violent storm, trust me, I know.

SAM
I don't know how to find out.

YASMINA
Begin with your name. Know your name.

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