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Obstacle Course Premieres Next Month



Join us February 21 thru 27 for screenings and discussions

Don't miss the premiere screenings of Silk Road Rising's newest video play, *Obstacle Course*!

Get Tickets to a Screening Today

Obstacle Course is a 45-minute video play adapted from Jamil Khoury's stage play *Mosque Alert*. Set in Naperville, Illinois, the piece explores reactions to a proposed Islamic Community Center on the site of a beloved landmark. Allyship, municipal politics, and Islamophobia all intersect in this head-on collision between Not In My Backyard fear mongering, well-intentioned liberalism, and the peaceful practice of faith.

Our premiere screenings will take place at Pierce Hall, Silk Road Rising's home at the Historic Chicago Temple Building. Each presentation will be followed by a lively conversation led by Jamil Khoury that will engage with the complex ideas and emotions brought to light by the video play.

Join the conversation by purchasing a ticket today!

Thursday, February 21st at 7pm

Friday, February 22nd at 2pm

Saturday, February 23rd at 2pm

Sunday, February 24th at 2pm

Monday, February 25th at 2pm

Tuesday, February 26th at 7pm

Wednesday, February 27th at 7pm

Community Engagement Programs surrounding *Obstacle Course* are sponsored by the Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust.

Do you have a 2019 Membership?

Don't forget! *Obstacle Course* is a part of your 2019 Membership package. You already have a ticket, you just need to reserve your seat. Make sure you do so before any of the screenings sell out.

To reserve your seat, click the button below, log in, go to the "Ticket Packages" tab, then select a production to reserve your tickets.

Reserve your seat in our Membership Portal

You can also reserve your seats by **calling us at 312.857.1234 ext 201** or **emailing us at boxoffice@silkroadrising.org**.

It's not too late to become a 2019 Member!

Sign Up and Become a Member Today!

Director of Silk Road Rising's *Multi Meets Poly* releases new film



Watch *With Rugs Unfurled*, a new documentary directed by George Bajalia

continue to create and inspire.

George Bajalia did fabulous work for Silk Road Rising as assistant director of *Paulus* and *Invasion*, and as the director of our video play, *Multi Meets Poly: Multiculturalism and Polyculturalism Go on a First Date*.

With Rugs Unfurled, his new film co-directed and co-produced with Tom Casserly, is a 20-minute documentary about the social relations surrounding artisan rug production in Morocco.



Watch the film to see what contradictions and traditions emerge as each rug goes from field, to loom, to merchant, and eventually to a home.

Watch WITH RUGS UNFURLED Here

As an anthropologist and theatre director, George's works explore different cultural and political ideas, how they conflict and collaborate with each other.

For *Multi Meets Poly*, George took Silk Road Rising co-founder Jamil Khoury's script and brought to life personifications of two powerful social ideas: multiculturalism and polyculturalism.



Multi Meets Poly is part of Silk Road Rising's Media Arts library, which includes our collection of video plays, animated shorts, and documentaries. Join us for next month's release of *Obstacle Course*, Jamil Khoury's newest video play.

By personifying these ideas as human characters—one male, one female—and by endowing them with professional rivalry, intellectual one-upmanship, and sexual tension, a would-be romantic evening becomes an intriguing vehicle for exploring American interpretations of pluralism, cultural interchange, and diversity.

Visit Our MULTI MEETS POLY Site

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