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Be the first to watch the English Premiere reading of *Pure Land*:

Pure Land, written by German Iranian playwright Mehdi Moradpour and translated by Neil Blackadder through a special grant from the Goethe-Institut, traces the story of Tara, a pregnant Middle Eastern woman seeking political asylum amid crippling bureaucracy and crumbling relationships. [Learn more >>](#)

But when refugees leave their country they give up the lives they had. As Co-Founder Jamil Khoury noted, "asylum is an actual lifeline — a protective recourse against permanent displacement and government tyranny." When people leave their countries, they also leave their belongings, their relationships, their memories, and their lives.



The play pits a torturous past against an uncertain future with sobering effect, and it was translated from German to English with the same poetic texture that won Moradpour Germany's prestigious Exil-DramtikerInnen-Preis award. [Learn more >>](#)

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Pure Land Director Sami Ismat reflects on the play and his own experience as a refugee:



"Refugees have become a scapegoat. But being a refugee is not a choice. As a Syrian refugee myself, I don't feel that I have a home but I can confidently say that I have found belonging in different places — and Silk Road Rising feels like an artistic home to me. *Pure Land* captures the journey of constantly moving and of constantly changing within."
— **Sami Ismat**

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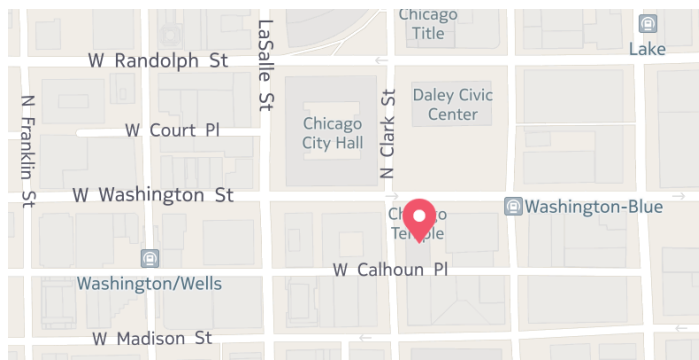
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