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Get to Know Karim Nagi, the Talent Behind *Detour Guide*



Tickets for *Detour Guide* Are on Sale Now!

Detour Guide
 A World Premiere
 Co-Produced with Stage Left Theatre Company
 Written and Performed by Karim Nagi
 Directed by Anna C. Bahow



Who is Karim Nagi?

He is a musician. He is a drummer. He is a DJ. He is a folk dancer. He is a storyteller.

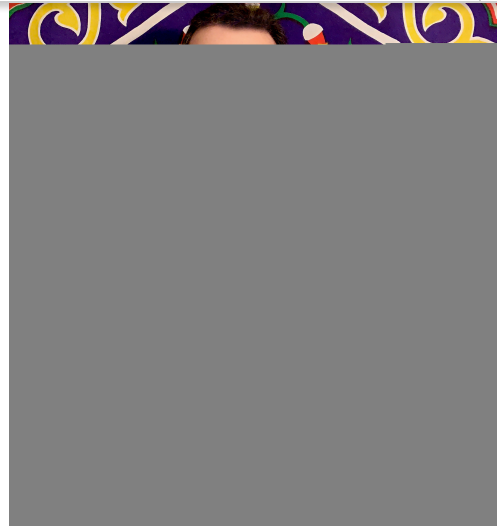
As an artist, he weaves together his many talents to create a unique and captivating experience for his audience.

Karim Nagi is your guide for the world premiere of *Detour Guide*.

“In *Detour Guide*, I’m imitating the Arabic *rawi* storytelling style which relies on hyperbole and exaggeration, rhyme and word play,” says Karim.

For this co-production between Silk Road Rising and Stage Left Theatre Company, Karim pulls from different instrumental voices, world experiences, and the rich cultural traditions of the Arab World and Arab America to assemble a journey, an alternative guide, through some of the most pervasive social and political issues of our time.

of Arab culture exemplified in music and dance. My presentations are highly participatory and entertaining. Arab culture, through the universal language of music, becomes demystified and humanized. The beauty and authenticity of Arabic music and dance serve as a convincing demonstration of the simultaneous exoticism and familiarity of this ancient culture.”



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We're Looking Forward to Seeing You at Our February Events



The First-Ever EPIC Showcase

EPIC Fall 2018 Showcase
A Collection of Staged Readings
Written by Chicago Public School students
Directed by Corey Pond with Tracy Strimple

PERFORMANCES
 Saturday, February 9 at 2 PM
 Sunday, February 10 at 2 PM

EPIC Showcase is a compilation of short plays written by middle school and high school students that shed light on the challenges and issues Chicago youth face. The readings are performed by actors from the Silk Road Rising community.

Tickets for Saturday, February 9th at 2 PM

TICKETS FOR Sunday, February 16th at 2 PM

EPIC (Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course) is Silk Road Rising's 20-session, in-school, arts-integrated education program. Students develop an understanding of empathy while creating a fully formed short play about a story that is meaningful to them.



Premiere Screenings of *Obstacle Course*

Obstacle Course

Premiere Screenings

Written by Jamil Khoury

Directed by Dale Heinen

SCREENINGS

Thursday, February 21 at 7 PM

Friday, February 22 at 2 PM

Saturday, February 23 at 2 PM

Sunday, February 24 at 2 PM

Monday, February 25 at 2 PM

Tuesday, February 26 at 7 PM

Wednesday, February 27 at 7 PM

Buy Tickets to a Screening Today!

Set in Naperville, Illinois, this 45-minute video play, adapted from Jamil Khoury's stage play *Mosque Alert*, 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.

Screenings will take place at Pierce Hall in the historic Chicago Temple and will be followed by a lively discussion on the themes and issues surrounding the video play.

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