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Join Us at 7:00PM CDT Tonight for *A Distinct Society*



Join International Voices Project (IVP), Silk Road Rising, the Consulate General of Canada in Chicago, and The Citadel Theatre (Canada) tonight at 7:00PM CDT for a reading of *A Distinct Society* by Kareem Fahmy, directed by Patrizia Acerra. Click the image above to visit IVP's dedicated page for the reading. The video there will go live at the scheduled time and be available for 72 hours.

About A Distinct Society

Set in a library that straddles the US-Canadian border, this play, inspired by actual events, follows an Iranian family that has been separated by the "Muslim ban." Using the library as a meeting place, and navigating the concerns of the head librarian, a U.S. border patrol officer, and a local teenager, everyone is forced to choose between breaking the law and saving themselves.

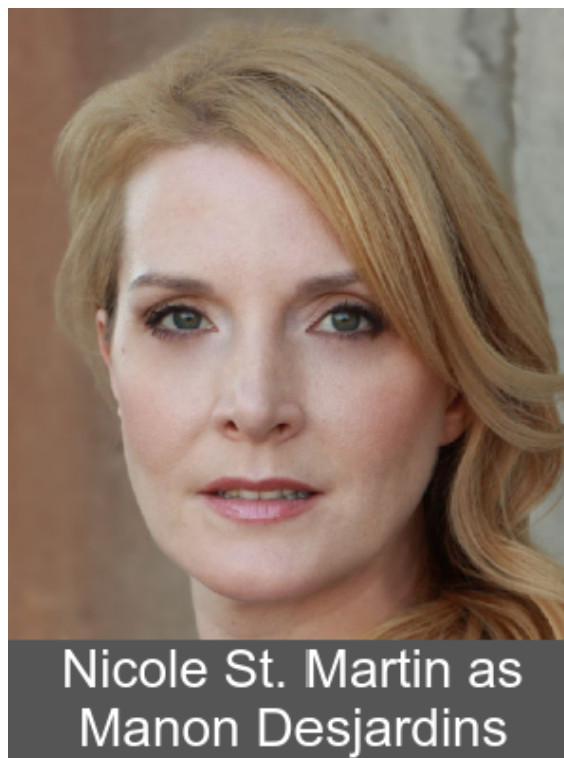


**Don't Miss the Live Talkback,
Available in Real Time Only**



Immediately after tonight's reading (around 8:55PM CDT) there will be a live talkback featuring playwright Kareem Fahmy, director Patrizia Acerra, and our own Jamil Khoury. This video **will not be available** after the talkback ends. Tune in tonight and discuss the play with us!

Meet the Cast





Will Climer as
Declan Sheehan



André Teamer as
Bruce Laird



Susaan Jamshidi as
Shirin Gilani

Jamil Khoury on *A Distinct Society*



Kareem manages to weave transnationalism, anti-nationalism, Quebecois separatism, universalism, and humor within a story that contemplates the sheer absurdity of policing identity. I must say, I love that it's set in a library, that secular sacred space where redemption and salvation crescendo around stories and images. *A Distinct Society* invites audiences of all backgrounds to transcend borders and interrogate our fears. Along the way, whatever cultural and political

signifiers we ascribe to "America," "Canada," "the Middle East," and "Muslims" morph into whole new ways of reflecting our actual lived experiences. An extraordinary artist has crafted an exquisitely engaging tale.

No Reservation Needed

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