

Final three episodes with Dr. Michael Malek Najjar.
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The First of Many Conversations Has Come to a Close



Jamil Khoury and Dr. Michael Malek Najjar are back with the final three episodes in this series of *In-Dialogue*. This week's trio of episodes explores proximity to whiteness, intersectional identities, and questions of casting.

These are the final three episodes in our nine-episode series featuring Dr. Michael Malek Najjar, exploring the Arab American and Middle Eastern American theatre movements. Stay tuned for new episodes and new guests in 2021.

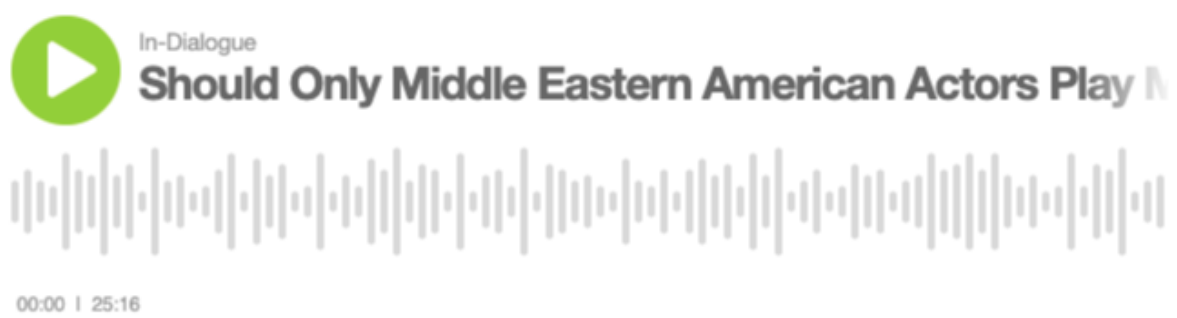
Episode Seven:
Are Arab Americans and Middle Eastern Americans White? (24:17)



Episode Eight:
The Intersectional Identities of Middle Eastern Americans (24:36)



Episode Nine:
Should Only Middle Eastern American Actors Play Middle Eastern Roles? (25:16)



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Listen to Bassam Abdelfattah with StoryCorps on NPR

Actor Bassam Abdelfattah, a cherished collaborator of Silk Road Rising, shares his experiences on StoryCorps's *American Pathways*, which airs on WBEZ (National Public Radio's Chicago Affiliate). In a conversation with his friend, musician Kayem, Bassam discusses the lack of honest Muslim representation in American media and how the movie *Non-Stop* shifted his perception of the possible.



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Silk Road Rising is thrilled to partner with StoryCorps on their *American Pathways* project. We had the pleasure of introducing StoryCorps to numerous Chicago-area Muslim artists. Bassam Abdelfattah is the first of these artists to have their story shared. Listen for more stories as they continue to emerge.

[Learn More about StoryCorps and "American Pathways"](#)

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