

As we think back on the past year, we reflect on all that we are thankful for. [View this email in your browser](#)



## From Our Family to Yours, Happy Thanksgiving!



**As we near the end of 2019, we have so much to be thankful for:**

**Thankful for our audiences**



An audience filling up with patrons before a performance of Novid Parsi's *Through the Elevated Line*



Donors gather for a special conversation with Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang

## Thankful for the artists who create with us



The cast and crew of Fouad Teymour's *Twice, Thrice, Frice...*

## Thankful for the time, space, and resources to develop new plays



Playwright Preston Choi (center in grey sweater) at a workshop of his play, *A Great Migration*

## Thankful for our hosts at The First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple and at 150 North Michigan



The two buildings we get to call home, The Chicago Temple (left) and 150 North Michigan (right)

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Chicago high school students rehearse their original plays

## Thankful for community partners who invite us into their spaces



Malik and Jamil with Phil Martini, Supervisor of Indian Boundary Park, one of our cherished hosts for the West Ridge Story Festival

## Thankful for the freedom to create art on our own terms



Musician and storyteller Karim Nagi at first rehearsal for his one-man show, *Detour Guide*, which explored complicated, nuanced, and stereotype-defying Arab characters

## Thankful for the opportunity to pose difficult questions



A staged reading of Olzhas Zhanaydarov's *The Store* which explored the exploitation of vulnerable immigrants in Moscow

## Thankful for all those who believe in our mission and inspire us throughout the year



Participants in a storytelling workshop at Christ Church of Chicago in West Ridge

## And most of all, thankful for you!

On this Thanksgiving, we would be remiss not to acknowledge those for whom this holiday may evoke painful memories. We respectfully recognize the Potawatomi, Miami, Peoria, and Sioux Peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations.

We acknowledge that we are on occupied land that was forcibly taken from its original owners. And we affirm that while we cannot change history, we can work for justice, and that justice begins with recognition and acknowledgment.

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