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## Jameeleh Shelo Cracks Us Up

Jameeleh Shelo is the quirky and down-to-earth writer/actor of *My American Cousin*.

The charming Chicagoan pulls you in with her warmth and friendliness and then makes you laugh when you least expect it.



Jameeleh talks about peanuts, Becky, and *My American Cousin*—she cracks us up! Watch the video [HERE >>](#)

## *My American Cousin* One Week Only! November 19-22

Written & performed by Jameeleh Shelo

Directed by Jessica Mitolo

Through a diverse group of characters, this sketch comedy show offers a lovable view into the life of an Arab American woman from the South Side of Chicago as she navigates her way through cultural pressures and societal assumptions. What happens when the Mid-East meets the Mid-West? The answers will fill you with laughter and joy!

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM  
Friday, November 20, 2015 at 8:00 PM  
Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 4:00 PM  
Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM

### TICKETS

Tickets are only \$15 (\$12 for students)



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Or, call 312-857-1234 x201.

*My American Cousin* is part of [Crescent and Star: A Radiant Season of Arab & Muslim Journeys](#). Buy a season pass [HERE >>](#)

### VENUE

Pierce Hall  
The Historic Chicago Temple Building  
77 W Washington St, Lower Level  
Chicago, IL 60602

### PARKING

We are easily accessible via all major public transportation including Metra, CTA, and RTA. If you plan to drive, take advantage of our \$8 parking arrangement at Self Park, 230 W. Washington St (corner of Washington & Franklin, building with the Cosi restaurant). Ask box office attendant for discount coupon.

## Humanizing Arab Americans Through Comedy



Arab and Muslim Americans are like most people: they like to laugh. A lack of portrayals humanizing Arabs and Muslims and her own love of laughter are what inspired Arab American writer, actor, and Bridgeview native Jameelah Shelo to create her sketch comedy show, *My American Cousin*.

"I don't see people of Middle Eastern and Muslim descent doing fun things," says Jameelah, a regular at the New York Arab American Comedy festival and Arab-iss. "It's time for people to see that we're normal and quirky and funny and we don't all fall into one category."

"We need a little bit of comedy in the world right now," adds Jameelah. "There's so much darkness. If we don't have that little bit of brevity, it'll make us all insane." Learn more about *My American Cousin* and Jameelah Shelo at [Chicago Tribune >>](#)

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