

Meet the residents of West Ridge through the stories they've written.

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Join us this Saturday through Tuesday in West Ridge for the West Ridge Story Festival,
December 14–17.



West Ridge Story Festival December 14–17, 2019

A Collection of Staged Readings
Written by Members of the West Ridge
Community



Join us at any of the four performances of the West Ridge Story Festival and you will see eleven short plays in under two hours, written by community members of Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood. West Ridge is an ethnically, racially, religiously, linguistically, and economically diverse

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neighborhood and discover the narratives of those who call these 3.3 square miles their home.

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Four Performances across Three Venues

Northtown Branch, Chicago Public Library
6800 N Western Ave
Chicago, IL 60645

Saturday, December 14 at 3:00pm

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Indian Boundary Park Cultural Center
2500 W Lunt Ave
Chicago, IL 60645

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm
Monday, December 16 at 7:30pm

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Music House, School of Performing Arts
2925 W Devon Ave
Chicago, IL 60659

Tuesday, December 17 at 7:30pm

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SNEAK PEAK:
A Beautiful Path
by Bina Mangattukattil



Tamara O'Leary and Bina Mangattukattil, participants from the Warren Park session, connect through storytelling exercises during a class in August.

Playwright Bina Mangattukattil chose to write about her experiences coming out as Muslim to her Chaldean Catholic, South Asian parents. In her play, *A Beautiful Path*, Bina imagines a difficult conversation between a mother and daughter.

Here is a snippet of what you'll see at the festival:

MARY

Whenever we come to visit you and dad, I sneak up to this room and pray in secret. I don't want to do that anymore. My daughter talks now and notices things. I don't want her to think that her mother is ashamed of her faith.

TERESA

Oh, but her mother is ashamed of her faith! Her mother is ashamed of the 2000-year-old tradition she comes from! I think her mother forgot that she comes from one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, the Catholic Christian community in India that was started by St. Thomas, the Apostle of Jesus.

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West Ridge Story Festival in the News

Chicago Magazine Art & Culture reporter Ariel Parrella-Aureli met with Jamil Khoury (Silk Road Rising, Artistic Director), Phil Martini (Supervisor, Indian Boundary Park), and Bina Mangattukattil (featured playwright in West Ridge Story Festival) to learn about the West Ridge Story Festival. Read her article, [Festival Brings West Ridge Stories to the Stage.](#)

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