

Hello Friend, let's get a running start in the new year! [View Online](#) Or [Forward](#) to a friend.



## Usher in the New Year!

This upcoming theatre season at Silk Road Rising consists of plays, panel discussions, videos, and staged readings that provide a multifaceted view of Muslim and Arab communities. Your year-end gift will help make this work possible in 2016.



**You still have time to make a difference! Help us usher in the new year by supporting dynamic, original American voices.**

**Make a Gift**

Thank you for your continued partnership. Best wishes in the New Year! We look forward to sharing our exciting and important programming with you at Silk Road Rising in 2016!

**"Silk Road Rising is a ray of light, helping its audience re-think the simplistic notions parroted in the mainstream media about culture, race and politics. The organization in its structure and in its dealings with artists and audience mirrors its mission of treating every individual as a complex and humane individual. It's actually difficult to imagine a non-profit that does a better job of serving the community."**



- Great Nonprofits Review by Robert Myers

## Mark Your 2016 Calendars! Upcoming Events

### Panic Intersecting: Mosques, Zoning, and Islamophobia

**A Panel Discussion  
January 19, 2016 AT 7 PM**

"Panic Intersecting: Mosques, Zoning, and Islamophobia" will feature zoning specialist and attorney Mark Daniel and DuPage County Board Member Tony Michelassi. Moderated by Artistic Director Jamil Khoury, the panelists will discuss their experiences with mosque zoning disputes in the



Chicagoland area and the motivations behind them. This event will create a broader understanding of the difficulties facing the Muslim American communities in their quest to exercise religious freedom and will provide more context for our upcoming world premiere of Jamil Khoury's *Mosque Alert*.

Tickets are FREE but space is limited. [Click To Reserve Your Seat](#)

## Oh My Sweet Land

A Staged Reading  
January 30 & 31, 2016

Written by Amir Nizar Zuabi

Performed by Amy J. Carle - Directed by Anna C. Bahow



*They call it a civil war  
but there is nothing civil about it  
nothing civil at all.*

They came from Damascus, from Aleppo, from Baniyas where the bombs fall day and night and the wounded children look like sleeping angels. Now they live in camps and abandoned buildings in Lebanon and Jordan, as Syria's becomes a haunting memory.

A Syrian woman prepares kibbeh in her kitchen, while recounting tales of her vanished lover. Her stories bring to life an ancient land torn apart by a cruel war. *Oh My Sweet Land* is written by Amir

Nizar Zuabi, rising star of the Palestinian theatre.

### DATES

Saturday January 30, 2016 at 4 PM

Sunday January 31, 2016 at 4 PM

### TICKETS

\$10



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## Ziryab, the Songbird of Andalusia

February 18 through February 28, 2016

Written and Performed by Ronnie Malley

Directed by Anna C. Bahow

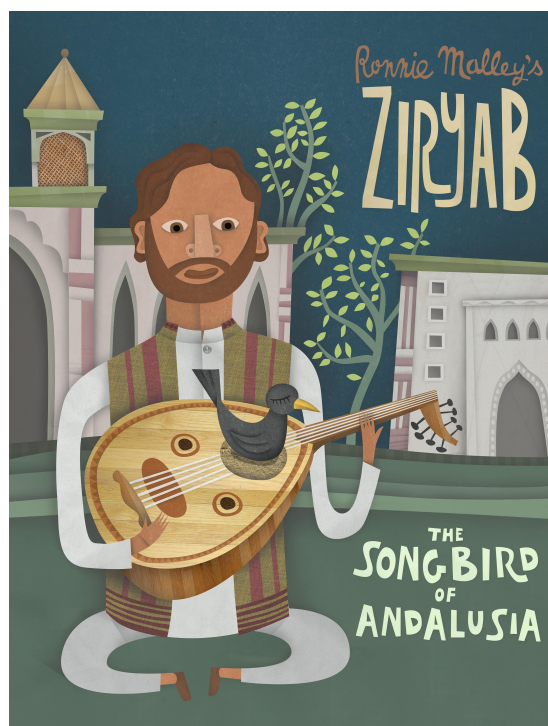
Impresario Ronnie Malley guides us on an enchanting musical journey back to 9th century Islamic Spain where we meet Ziryab, a former slave who rose to extraordinary fame in the court of Abd ar-Rahman II. Witness Ziryab's story: a musician, poet, and polymath whose contributions—like Leonardo da Vinci's in centuries to come—helped shape the world we live in today.

### TICKETS:

\$20/\$15 student



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## Mosque Alert

### A World Premiere

#### March 24 through May 1, 2016

Written by **Jamil Khoury**  
Directed by **Edward Torres**



Inspired by the "Ground Zero Mosque" controversy in New York City, *Mosque Alert* tells the story of three fictional families living in Naperville, Illinois, whose lives are interrupted by a proposed Islamic Center on the site of a beloved local landmark. *Mosque Alert* explores the intersections of zoning and Islamophobia with humor, family drama, and refreshingly blunt honesty.

#### TICKETS:

Preview Tickets: \$25 Adults / \$12.50 Students  
(March 24 - April 1, 2016)

Regular Run Tickets: \$35 Adults / \$15.00 Students  
(April 7 - May 1, 2016)



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