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Christmas Mubarak is in the news!



“The show is...the story of 'a love affair' between Islam and Jesus”

Religion News Service featured an exclusive story about *Christmas Mubarak*.

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Emily McFarlan Miller of RNS writes:

The scene is familiar from many Nativity scenes arranged at this time of year: the Virgin Mary, cradling the newborn Jesus.

Then, the baby speaks, defending his mother's innocence and declaring he has been appointed as a prophet.

That might come as a surprise to Christians in the audience of the new play [“Christmas Mubarak.”](#)

Like the play's Christmas tree — the date palm under which Mary gives birth to Jesus, alone in the desert — the stories of Jesus' miraculous healings and his temptation, familiar as they are to Christians, come with what play adapter and director Corey Pond called a “twist,” or a slightly different moral in Islam.

With an ensemble cast of four playing all the characters and adding scholarly asides where Muslim traditions interpret stories differently, the show is — in its own words — the story of “a love affair” between Islam and Jesus, who is viewed as a prophet by Muslims.

The songs in the show, which range from a Byzantine Christian hymn to Christmas carols like “Oh Holy Night” to contemporary Christian songs like “Mary Did You Know,” are performed by several members of First United Methodist Church choir.

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Christmas Mubarak is a first-of-its-kind musical / theatre interplay of Muslim stories and Christian music that celebrates the miraculous birth, life, and ascension of Jesus.

This workshop production features actors from our Silk Road communities alongside choir members from the First United Methodist Church at The Chicago Temple.

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