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## Mosque Alert

March 24 – May 1, 2016

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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.

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### DATES

Previews: March 24 – April 1

Regular Run: April 2 – May 1

### PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursdays at 7:30pm

Fridays at 8:00pm

Saturdays at 4:00pm

Sundays at 4:00pm

### TICKETS

Preview: \$25 Adults / \$12.50 Students (March 24 – April 1)

Regular Run: \$35 Adults / \$15 Students (April 2 – May 1)

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**Playwright Jamil Khoury**

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In 2011, with the ten-year commemoration of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 fast approaching, I was busy reflecting on 9/11 and its impact on American culture and public policy. I was particularly concerned with challenges facing America's Muslim communities.

The year prior, in the summer of 2010, I found myself feeling both galvanized and greatly disturbed by the controversy surrounding Cordoba House (later Park 51), the bold visionary Islamic Community Center that had been proposed for Lower Manhattan, in close proximity to the site of

the World Trade Center, inciting raucous debate on a national level.

Pejoratively dubbed the "Ground Zero Mosque," Cordoba House revealed to me one of the most pernicious symptoms of post-9/11 anti-Muslim backlash—namely, a resistance to the building of mosques in communities across the U.S.

Since proposed masjids, or mosques, face levels of scrutiny and suspicion rarely directed at similarly proposed Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Buddhist houses of worship, I felt it a conflict worthy of dramatization, and I found several examples right here in Chicagoland.

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