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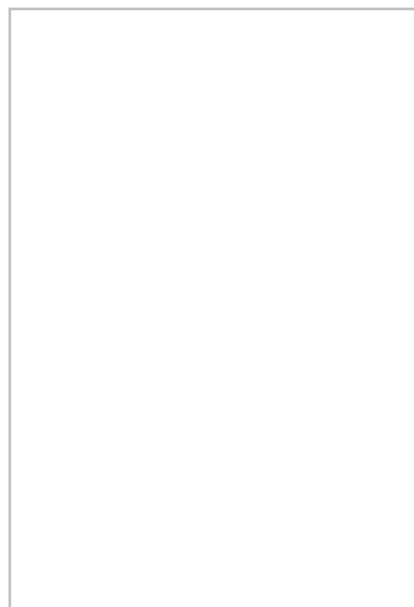
THE MIDWEST PREMIERE

PANGS OF THE MESSIAH

By Motti Lerner
Directed by Jennifer Green

March 19 - May 10, 2009

Set in 2012 amidst the signing of a peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians, Motti Lerner's *Pangs of the Messiah* is an apocalyptic yet fiercely humane drama about eight West Bank Jewish settlers pitted against an Israel they feel betrayed by. The play focuses on a religious family that finds itself torn between fighting to stay in their settlement and obeying their government's decision to dismantle it. Left hanging in the balance is the legacy of their beliefs.



PLAYWRIGHT MOTTI LERNER

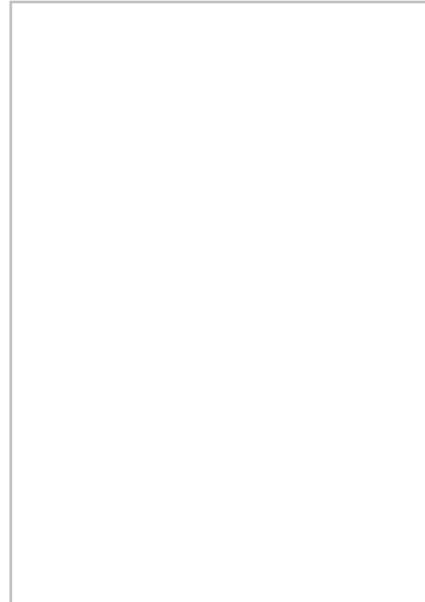
Motti Lerner is one of Israel's top playwrights. His work is celebrated as daring, beautifully written, and theatrically inventive. Besides Israel, his plays have been produced in the US, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Australia. Lerner is the recipient of the Prime Minister of Israel Award for his creative work.

One Night Only!
SILK ROAD
CABARET

**An Evening of Story,
Song and Dance**

October 24, 2009

This special event in the majestic and newly renovated main sanctuary of the Chicago Temple, First United Methodist Church promises to be a Silk Road Theatre Project milestone. The evening's entertainment will feature Silk Road inspired story, song and dance, as well as the inaugural presentation of the Silk Road Trailblazer Awards, honoring prominent artists and arts patrons.



THE WORLD PREMIERE
THE DNA TRAIL

**A Genealogy of Short Plays
About Ancestry, Identity,
and Utter Confusion**

**Conceived by Jamil Khoury
Directed by Steve Scott**

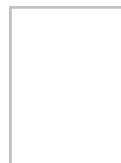
March 4 - April 25, 2010

Theatre meets science as a diverse group of playwrights each agree to take a genealogical DNA test in this identity-defying collection of short plays. For this adventurous project, Silk Road commissioned seven playwrights, each rooted in distinct immigrant narratives and cross-cultural experiences, to revisit their assumptions about identity politics and the perennial "who am I" question. Self, family, community, ethnicity, race, history, geography--it's all up for grabs!



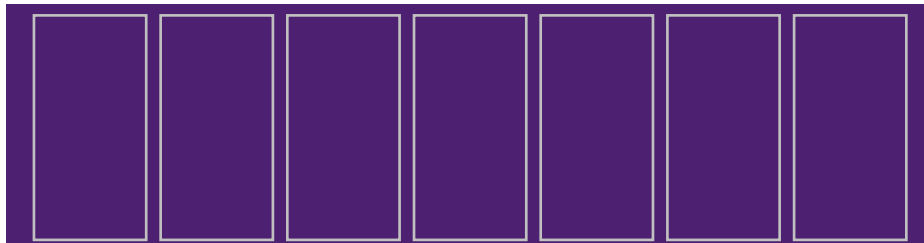
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Participating Playwrights: PHILIP KAN GOTANDA, VELINA HASU HOUSTON, DAVID HENRY HWANG, JAMIL KHOURY, SHISHIR KURUP, LINA PATEL, AND ELIZABETH WONG



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Follow the Silk Road to the Only Boutique Theatre in the Loop

Silk Road Theatre Project's performance venue is a beautiful and comfortable, fully-equipped, 99-seat flexible "brown box" theatre in Pierce Hall, located in The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 W. Washington Street (corner of Washington & Clark), right in the heart of Chicago's burgeoning Loop theatre district.

VENUE

"An elegantly lit, marble-floored, brass-and-oak-trimmed theater complex, compatible with the [building's] neo-French Gothic Architecture."
--The Chicago Reader

PERFORMANCES

Performances are held on Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 4pm and 8pm, and Sundays at 4pm.

PARKING

Only \$6 for Silk Road patrons

System Parking at 230 W. Washington Street, at the northeast corner of Washington and Franklin streets, just three blocks west of the theatre. Be sure to ask the box office attendant for a parking coupon.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Silk Road Theatre Project is within one to three blocks of all major CTA "el" and subway lines, and is accessible by several major bus routes. For CTA information call 312-836-7000 or visit www.transitchicago.com. The theatre is also accessible by city and suburban Metra Train lines. For Metra information call 312-322-6777 or visit www.metrarail.com.

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Follow the Silk Road to a 100% Flexible Subscription

Silk Road Theatre Project offers one of the most flexible theatre subscriptions in Chicago. For **just \$80**, you receive tickets to *Pangs of the Messiah*, *Silk Road Cabaret*, and *The DNA Trail*--selecting performance dates according to your schedule, not ours.

Plus, you are invited to our exclusive Meet the Playwright receptions, allowing you to mingle with award winning playwrights.

To Subscribe, call 312-857-1234, ext. 201 or shop online at www.srtp.org.

SUBSCRIBER BENEFITS

- Direct access to Box Office Manager.
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- Reminder emails encouraging you to schedule your performance dates.
- Ability to select performance dates at your convenience.
- Prompt reservations by phone or email--your choice!
- Easy, free, and no-hassle ticket exchanges when switching performance dates.
- \$5 discount on additional tickets purchased.
- \$6 Loop parking--only three blocks from the theatre.
- Post-show discussions scheduled weekly. A great chance to learn more about the play.
- Invitations to attend our exclusive Meet the Playwright receptions.

EARLY SUBSCRIBER BONUS

The first 50 subscribers receive a \$25 gift certificate to Catch 35 restaurant, a \$25 gift certificate to Macy's Walnut Room restaurant, and a certificate for 25% off the best available rate at The

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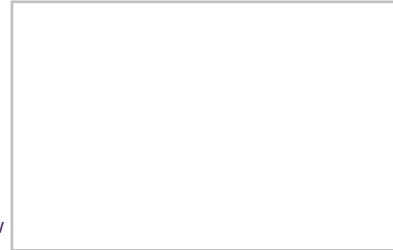
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Testimonial Videos Available Online

Hear from patrons just like you why SRTP is important to them and what they do to support the company. These brief testimonial videos convey the depth to which we're connecting with Chicagoans of all backgrounds.

Visit www.srtp.org/support to view the videos and see how you too can make a difference.



Silk Road Sojourns: The TV Show

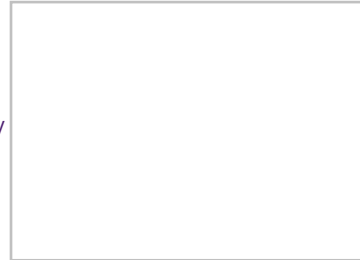
Episodes Related to *Pangs of the Messiah*

begin 10-week run tonight on CAN-TV

Chicago Cable Channel 21

Five episodes of Silk Road Sojourns: The TV show, hosted by Artistic Director Jamil Khoury, will address *Pangs of the Messiah*. The miniseries airs on CAN-TV Chicago cable access channel 21 Tuesdays at 8:30pm, March 3 to May 5, 2009. Each episode will also be available online at

www.srtp.org/sojourns after its initial broadcast. Online you can also find the Sojourns Podcast, Blog, and Magazine. Or, [click here](#) to subscribe to the podcast via iTunes.



Theatre Mir Presents

The Arab-Israeli Cookbook

\$5 Discount Available for

Silk Road Theatre Project Patrons

The Arab-Israeli Cookbook brings Arab and Israeli voices together in the stories of ordinary people living in a rich yet divided world in Israel and the West Bank. Based on real-life interviews, this deeply human play weaves the stories and recipes of more than forty characters who reveal common culture and experiences amidst the daily conflict. In restaurants, shops, cafes, and homes, everyone has a story to tell and a recipe to cook.

Save \$5 by mentioning "Silk Road Theatre" when you purchase by calling 312-742-TIXS or in person at the Storefront Theatre Box Office at 66 E. Randolph Street in Chicago.

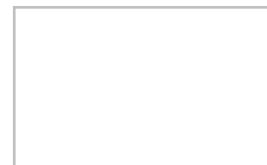
Offer valid on general admission tickets only. May not be combined with any other discount or offer. Not valid on previously purchased tickets. Subject to availability; restrictions apply.



Center on Halsted Hosts LGBT Forum on Global Activism

Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 7:00 - 9:00pm

Center on Halsted, located at 3656 N. Halsted, will host a panel discussion on global LGBT activism. The panel will feature LGBT activists from all over the globe who will speak about the impact of LGBT issues on their communities, their organizations, their work and the political, social and security challenges they face. Participants include Georges Azzi from Lebanon, Rosanna Flamer-Caldera from Sri Lanka, Georges Kannuma from Burundi, Olumide



Makanjuola from Nigeria and Hasna Hena from Bangladesh. The forum will be moderated by Sean Casey, Coordinator of the Global Equality Network, a global LGBT rights and protections initiative of Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights.

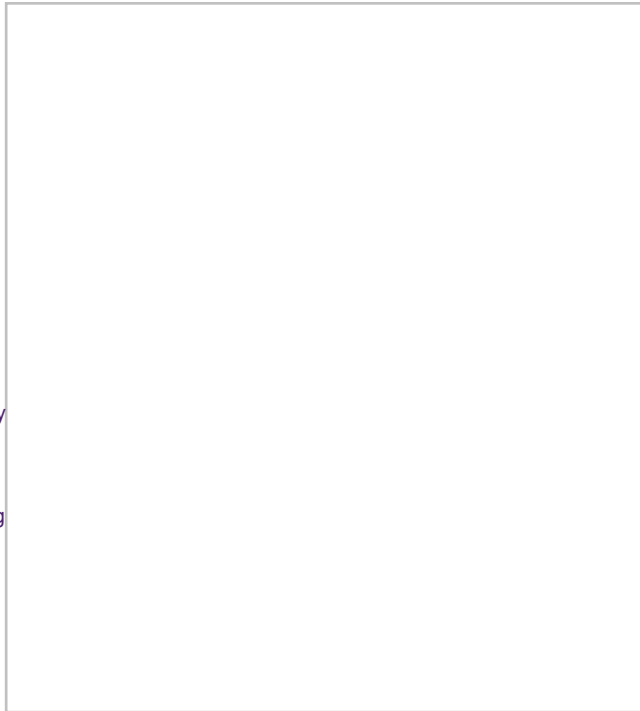
A \$5 donation to support Community and Cultural Programs at Center on Halsted is appreciated. For more information, please contact Tom Ballentine, Director of Community and Cultural Programs at tballentine@centeronhalsted.org, or call 773-472-6469 X245. For more information on the Center on Halsted, please visit our website, www.centeronhalsted.org

Next Theatre Presents *Dying City*

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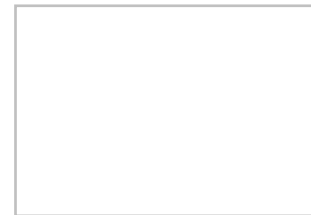
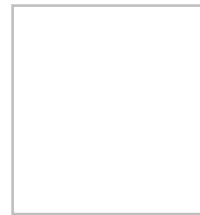
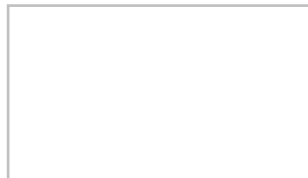
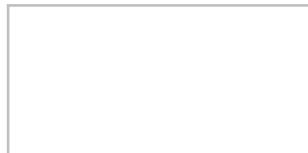
One year after Craig's death in Iraq, his widow Kelly is confronted by his twin brother Peter. Carefully, the two probe the aftermath of one another's grief and the costly secrets they are protecting in the tragedy that links their lives. Playwright Christopher Shinn is hailed by the New York Times as "among the most provocative and probing of American playwrights today."

Use the special discount code "SRTP" to receive a \$5 discount when you call 847-475-1875 or visit www.nexttheatre.org.




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