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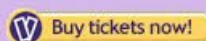
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Photo of Monica Lopez and Andrew Navarro by Johnny Knight

**Our Enemies absolutely must close March 30. Don't miss out!**

The World Premiere

### **OUR ENEMIES: LIVELY SCENES OF LOVE AND COMBAT**

By Youssef El Guindi

Directed by Patrizia Acerra

Featuring: Kareem Bandealy, Andrew Navarro, Don Bender, James Elly, Susie Griffith, Monica Lopez, and Vincent P. Mahler

Presenting Sponsor:



**"As guileless a post-coital scene as you'll likely ever see in Chicago."  
-Christopher Piatt, TimeOut Chicago**

"*Our Enemies* reveals an exceedingly smart, sophisticated and compelling exploration of Arab-American identity and the opportunities as well as the perils of assimilation...the best piece by the hugely talented El Guindi that I've seen...moves well and features a dazzling visual design...If you're interested in smart new plays, don't miss this one... further evidence that Silk Road has real guts behind its genial façade."

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
- Chris Jones, *Chicago Tribune*



Photo of Kareem Bandealy and Monica Lopez by Johnny Knight

"*Our Enemies* seduces with its cosmopolitan energy and canny twists... smart, edgy work... Playwright El Guindi has a real gift for bringing mischief as well as gravitas to his work, and in this he resembles both Salman Rushdie and the great Yiddish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer...Director Patrizia Acerra has gathered a highly accomplished cast capable of balancing the play's mix of satire, humor, sex and incendiary politics...a true multiring cultural identity circus with a serious subtext...El Guindi's belief that human nature trumps politics makes the play something special."

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
- Hedy Weiss, *Chicago Sun-Times*



Photo of Susie Griffith and Andrew Navarro by Johnny Knight

"El Guindi's fluid story-telling skills, his delicious sense of irony and his bristling dialogue - hurled about the stage with pinpoint accuracy by an excellent ensemble - make this riveting entertainment...Although the community under the microscope here is Arab-American, the dynamics are all-to-familiar to Jews, blacks, Latinos and other scapegoat groups, perhaps none more so than GLBT Americans...so engaging that its full implications might not hit until long after the stage goes to dark."

- Louis Weisberg, *Chicago Free Press*



Photos of Vincent P. Mahler (left) and James Ely (right) by Johnny Knight

"Yussef El Guindi's new play takes a classic American conundrum - that of the immigrant torn between old ways and new identities - and applies it to present day Arab Americans... the playwright leavens that debate with humor, sex, and a healthy dose of both intellectually and emotionally honest ambivalence... Patrizia Lombardi Acerra keeps her Silk Road Theatre Project production fluid and passionate."

- Tony Adler, *Chicago Reader*



Photo of Kareem Bandoaly and Vincent P. Mahler by Johnny Knight

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"Our Enemies grabs us...El Guindi is a talented storyteller with a keen eye for characterization... gives voice to conflicts through vibrant, articulate and passionate characters... fast paced and smartly directed... a nicely written, fine acted play filled with vivid characters, humor and lots of sexy action."

- Tom Williams, *ChicagoCritic.com*

"This is a flawless, worthwhile experience for theater-goers no matter what ethnicity... sparkling production... a well-written story of love, lust, hate, food



production... a well written story of love, lust, hate, [and] fear... The ending, which I will not reveal, will make you think. Not only about the story you have just witnessed, but in fact society itself."  
- Al Bresloff, *The Epoch Times*

"topical, accessible yet still exotic... a gift for strong actors."  
- Fabrizio O. Almeida, *NewCity Chicago*

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Photo of Don Bender by Johnny Knight

**WHERE:** Silk Road Theatre Project at The Historic Chicago Temple Building  
77 W. Washington St., Pierce Hall, Chicago

**WHEN:** February 21 - March 30, 2008

**PERFORMANCES:** Thursdays at 7:30pm  
Fridays at 8:00pm  
Saturdays at 4:00pm and 8:00pm  
Sundays at 4:00pm

**TICKETS:** Previews \$18 - \$20.00  
Thursdays and Fridays - \$28.00  
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Before the Show, After the Show, At Intermission



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SUFİ MUSIC AND OTHER EXPRESSIONS OF DEVOTION  
FROM THE MUSLİM WORLD

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**A MYSTICAL JOURNEY**

Sufi Music and Other Expressions of Devotion from the Muslim World  
Saturday, March 22, 2008 at 8:00 p.m.

  
*Cadillac Palace*  
151 W. Randolph, Chicago

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Pierce Hall (Lower Level),  
Chicago

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