

COVID-19 pandemic causes cancelation of world premiere play

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In the Interest of Our Collective Health and Safety



It is with great sadness that we announce the cancelation of *My Dear Hussein*. Out of concern for the health and safety of our artists and patrons, we cannot in good conscience ask anyone to gather at our theater at this time.

We were very excited to begin preview performances tonight. Nahal Navidar has written a poetic, powerful play about childhood imagination and innocence against the backdrop of war. Throughout the rehearsal process, our extraordinary cast was bringing passion, depth, and commitment to Nahal's exquisite words. Our design team was thoughtfully creating a beautiful world for this rich story. And our director team of Tlaloc Rivas and Marie Tredway were seamlessly weaving the fabric of a poignant, theatrical experience.

Due to the unprecedented spread of COVID-19 and with the guidance of the Center for Disease Control, we feel it's best to cancel the show and encourage everyone to stay home. We hope that this stunning play will have another life, and we know that Chicago audiences will be hearing from Nahal Navidar.

If you have purchased tickets to the show, we will be reaching out to you. At this time of crisis, the financial losses of canceling a show are significant and we would greatly appreciate you turning the cost of your tickets into a donation. We can also issue you a credit for the price of tickets that can be applied towards future ticket purchases. Any requests for a partial or full refund will, of course, be honored.

A Crisis Is No Excuse for Racism

Silk Road Rising is an anti-racist organization serving peoples of Asian and Middle Eastern backgrounds. Many of our artists, friends, and the communities with which we work have been experiencing a racist backlash to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the powers that be tweeting about a “Chinese virus” and appealing to xenophobic fears, we should all be standing with our Asian and Middle Eastern siblings at this time of great panic. Fight racism whenever and wherever you see it. We all need allies. Check-in on your family and friends and reach out to loved ones if you yourself need support.



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