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Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts

Silk Road Rising and Remy Bumpo Theatre Company are thrilled to be joining artistic forces to bring the U.S. premiere of Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*, adapted by Tanika Gupta, to Chicago audiences. **This bold re-imagining of the English classic, set in 19th century Calcutta, India, during the British Raj, will be co-directed by Lavina Jadhvani and Nick Sandys.**



"Remy Bumpo brings to the table **its rich commitment to the Anglo literary canon**, while **we bring our rootedness in the artistic voices of Asian and Middle Eastern Diasporas**. Our respective missions **blend beautifully** in Gupta's *Great Expectations*."

—Jamil Khoury, Silk Road Rising Founding Artistic Director

"**Silk Road Rising's inclusive polyculturalism and experience with South Asian theatrical traditions** will combine successfully with **Remy Bumpo's skills with classical language and Western theatrical styles and texts.**"



—Nick Sandys, Remy Bumpo Theatre Company Producing Artistic Director

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About *Great Expectations*

May 11th - July 2nd

The U.S. Premiere

Written by Charles Dickens | Adapted by Tanika Gupta

Co-Directed by Lavina Jadhvani and Nick Sandys

Dickens' beloved tale of aspiration, intrigue, and romance is thrillingly transplanted to a colonized India by award-winning British Bengali playwright Tanika Gupta. When Indian orphan Pip receives a mysterious inheritance, he must choose between his humble rural life and the city life of an English "gentleman." In a vibrant clash of cultures, classes, and

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expands Dickens' enduring question: Is it worth losing who you are for who you might become?



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