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## Rajiv Joseph's THE LAKE EFFECT



### THE WORLD PREMIERE

Written by Rajiv Joseph  
Directed by Timothy Douglas

Featuring Minita Gandhi, Adam Poss, and Mark Smith.

In a depressed Cleveland neighborhood amidst a fierce winter storm, an Indian American brother and sister, long estranged, are reunited by the sudden death of their father. Enter their late father's African American confidante and gambling bookie, and a slew of family secrets get unearthed.

*The Lake Effect* sets in motion a complicated web of relationships and conflicts that challenge our perceptions of race, gender, and success.

**Dates:** April 24 - May 26, 2013

**Tickets:** \$25 for Previews / \$35 Regular Run. [CLICK HERE](#) to buy tickets now! Or, call us at 312-857-1234 x201.

**Venue:** The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 W Washington St, Chicago.

**Parking:** \$8 Parking for Silk Road Rising patrons at Self Park, 230 W Washington St (corner of Washington & Franklin; building with Cosi Restaurant).

**Public Transportation:** walking distance of major "L" lines including Red, Blue, and Brown Lines. We're in the heart of the Loop!

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## Master Class for Actors of Color

**Silk Road Rising** in association with **Teatro Luna** invites Chicago's professional actors of color to join Stage Director and designated Linklater voice instructor **Timothy Douglas** in a 3-evening movement / voice / text workshop inspired by Kristin Linklater's *Freeing the Natural Voice*.

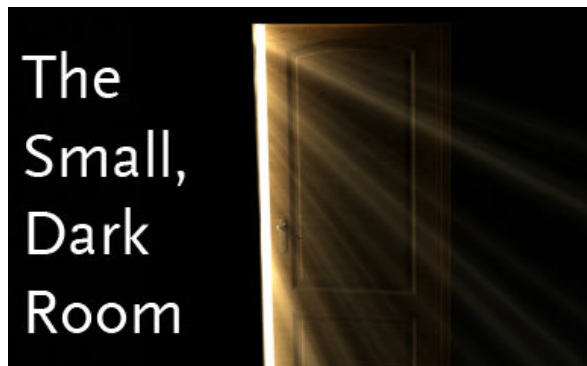
**Location:** The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington St, Chicago.

**Dates:** April 9th, 11th, and 12th.

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## The Small, Dark Room



How much does—or should—our cultural backgrounds impact how we deal with issues such as depression, disability, abuse and suicide?

In this world premiere production, six Americans of Asian and Middle Eastern descent share true stories full of light, hope and transcendence that grapple with that very question.

Presented by **Erasing the Distance**.

**Location:** Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted

**Dates:** April 8, 9, 15 and 16.

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## Arab Spring - Political Awakenings

The cry for freedom expressed during the Arab Spring resonates with similar awakenings throughout human history. Arabic melodies find their counterpart in African American folk music, and Mozart himself told a tale of freedom from bondage in his Turkish-inflected Seraglio. Together, they speak to the eternal quest for liberty shared across the globe.



Internationally acclaimed oud virtuoso **Simon Shaheen** infuses his mastery of Arabic music into the Western classical form with a touch of jazz in the Chicago premiere of his Oud Concerto. The Arab Spring concert pairs that with African American composer **William Levi Dawson**, who similarly infused his Negro Folk Symphony with spirituals and other native forms. Mozart completes the picture.

Presented by **Chicago Sinfonietta**.

### Location & Dates:

Chicago: Harris Theatre, April 19th.

Naperville: Wentz Concert Hall, April 20th.

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