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What's Next at Silk Road Rising



Don't Miss Out on These 2019 Events

Silk Road Rising has had a busy 2019 so far. We've had our first-ever **EPIC Showcase**, we saw the premiere screenings of Founding Artistic Director Jamil Khoury's new video play [Obstacle Course](#), and we just finished an exciting run of Karim Nagi's **Detour Guide**, a one-man show that took audiences on an alternative and rhythmic tour of the Arab World and Arab America.

But you can expect to see much more from Silk Road Rising in the coming months. Take a look at the events below and make sure to mark your calendars!



June 8 & 9, 2019

EPIC Showcase Spring 2019

Readings of Plays Written by Chicago Youth and Older Adults

Directed by Corey Pond with Tracy Strimple

A compilation of short plays written by two generations of creative community members. What are the issues that young people and retired adults are thinking about? Come find out how storytelling connects us across the generations. The readings are performed by actors from the Silk Road Rising community.

Get Tickets for EPIC Showcase Spring 2019

A Staged Reading Series Curated by Olzhas Zhanaydarov and Evgeny Kazachkov

Staging the Stans is a festival of staged readings of plays by Central Asian and Eurasian playwrights curated in collaboration with Kazakh playwright Olzhas Zhanaydarov and Russian playwright Evgeny Kazachkov, and featuring Zhanaydarov's new work, *The Store*.

The "Stans" refer to the nation-states, and former Soviet Republics, of Central Asia, and certain Muslim-majority autonomous republics within the Russian Federation.

The Store

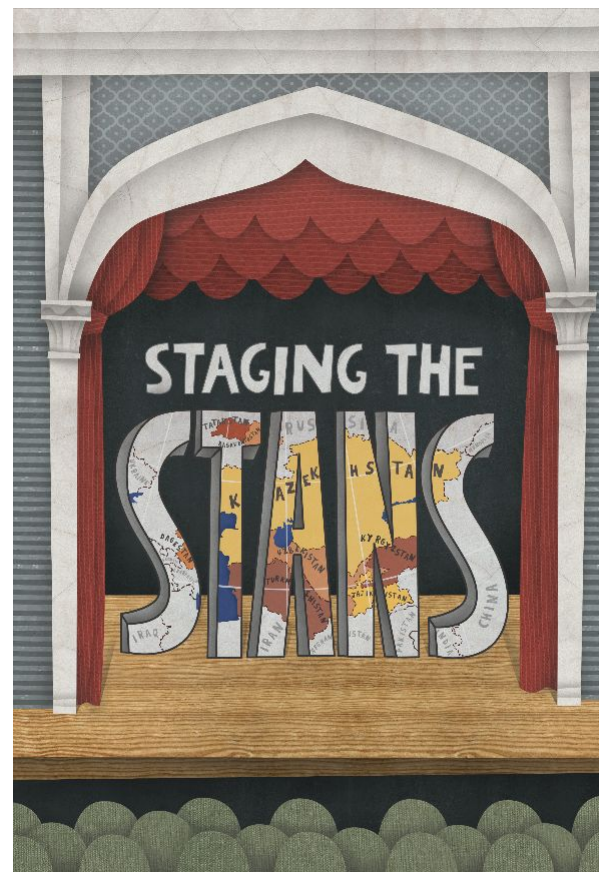
By Olzhas Zhanaydarov
Translated by John Freedman
Directed by Jeremy Aluma

Uzbek

By Talgat Batalov
Adapted by Yekaterina Bondarenko
Translated by John Freedman
Directed by Sami Ismat

One-Room Apartment in Izmailovo

by Emilia Kazumova and Zarema Zautdinova
Translated by Graham Schmidt
Directed by Adrienne Cury



[Get Tickets for Staging the Stans](#)



July 14, 2019 Silk Road Salon 2019

How are Muslim artists in Russia and the former Soviet Republics of Central Asia creating art that pushes boundaries without inciting censorship and government reprisals? Come to our annual Salon to meet with Moscow-based playwrights Olzhas Zhanaydarov and Evgeny Kazachkov who will provide insider perspectives on theatre-making in Russia. The conversation will be moderated by Silk Road Rising Co-Founder Jamil Khoury, whose play *Mosque Alert* was translated into Russian by Evgeny. In June of 2019, Jamil will journey to Russia to see performances of the translation in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

The Silk Road Salon reception will include wine, cheese, and dessert.

[Get Tickets for Silk Road Salon](#)

**September 30–November 10,
2019**



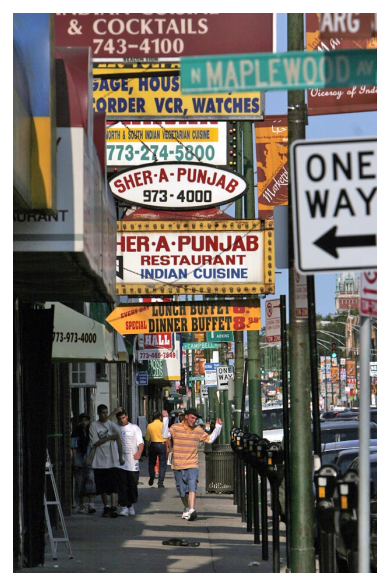
Written by Fouad Teymour
Directed by Patrizia Acerra

In this 90-minute comedy, three Muslim women confront adultery and polygamy when one of their husbands marries a second wife. Friendship, fidelity, and faith are called into question as each woman reevaluates bonds once believed unbreakable, and discovers humor amongst the heartbreak.

Get Tickets for “Twice, Thrice, Frice...”

December 14–17, 2019
West Ridge Story Festival
A Festival of Staged Readings
Written by Residents of West Ridge
Directed by Corey Pond

West Ridge Story Festival features original plays written by residents of this ethnically, racially, religiously, and economically diverse Chicago neighborhood. We invite you to visit West Ridge and discover the narratives of those who call these 3.5 square miles on the city's far north side their home.



Tickets available at a later date.

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