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About Silk Road Rising's Community Spotlight

Silk Road Rising offers a monthly "Community Spotlight" to excite our patrons about the diverse array of cultural offerings taking place across Chicago. While we do not necessarily endorse the content of each event we spotlight, we find it important to inform our patrons of the range of activities taking place across Chicagoland, encouraging them to support live theatre beyond Silk Road Rising's stage. In this way, we are proud to spread awareness of and excitement for Chicago's vibrant arts and culture scene.

Queen by Madhuri Shekar at Victory Gardens Theater



Now – May 14. Tickets \$25 for performances Now – May 5 with Code SRR



PhD candidates Sanam and Ariel have spent the better part of the last decade exhaustively researching vanishing bee populations across the globe. Just as these close friends are about to publish a career-defining paper, Sanam stumbles upon an error in their calculations, which could cause catastrophic damage to their reputations, careers, and friendship. **Directed by Joanie**

Schultz. [Get tickets online](#) or call 773-871-3000.

Playwright Driss Ksikes on Northwestern Campus



Northwestern's Center for the Writing Arts is hosting the Moroccan playwright, novelist, journalist, editor, and scholar Driss Ksikes as a Visiting Writer-in-Residence for the Spring 2017 Quarter. Across a range of fields, Ksikes has made major contributions to the artistic, political, and intellectual life of Morocco and the Arab world more generally.



In addition to teaching a class on North African Literature in the Age of Social Media, Ksikes is involved with an exciting array of programs during his sojourn at Northwestern, including a staged reading of *The Match*, co-presented by Silk Road Rising. [Learn More »](#)

Fundraising Concert for Syrian Refugee Relief



On May 7, 2017, the renowned Syrian trio Hewar will return to Chicago for a fundraising concert in support of Syrian refugee relief.



The concert will take place at 7 pm Sunday evening May 7th at the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington Street, Chicago. The concert is organized and sponsored by Tzedek Chicago and is co-sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Beth Emet the Free Synagogue, Chicago Area Peace Action, Congregation Hakafa, First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, Refugee One, St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Logan Square, St. Nicholas Church; and the Syrian Community Network. [Learn More »](#)

Great Expectations Performances Begin 5/11

May 11th - July 2nd
The U.S. Premiere
 Co-Produced with Remy Bumpo Theatre
 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 conscience, Gupta's brilliant adaptation expands Dickens' enduring question: Is it worth losing who you are for who you might become?

All performances take place at Silk Road Rising (77 W. Washington St., Lower Level, Chicago, IL)



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