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LOOKINGGLASS THEATRE COMPANY



**LUCY AND CHARLIE'S
HONEYMOON**
A NEW MUSICAL

Book and Music by
Matthew C. Yee
Directed by
Amanda Dehnert

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Now - July 16th

Lookingglass Theatre Company is proud to be producing the World Premiere of Matthew C. Yee's *Lucy and Charlie's Honeymoon*, directed by Amanda Dehnert.

Hooray! Lucy and Charlie just got hitched...and they're embracing the worst of the American dream. They do what they want. Take what they want. They're First Generation Asian American Renegades. In love. And on the run.

Featuring original country western and folk songs, *Lucy and Charlie's Honeymoon* tracks a young couple as they rev it down quintessentially American highways and across stereotypic borders, fleeing expectation and trawling up trouble along the way.

Running now until July 16th. For more information about the production and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).



Playwright Matthew C. Yee (left) and director Amanda Dehnert (right)



Fouad Teymour's *Egyptian Bride* **A Staged Reading on June 19th**

The International Voices Project (IVP) Festival returns this June for its 13th season. During this free, three-week event, playwrights from across the world will take to the stage at Instituto Cervantes of Chicago.

We're thrilled to share that long-time Silk Road Rising Artistic Associate, Fouad Teymour, will be sharing his new work, *Egyptian Bride*, on June 19th.

In Teymour's *Egyptian Bride*, two storylines, separated by 3,000 years of history, are explored in parallel but interconnected tellings. Two brides-to-be resist the social and cultural pressures of their respective eras. Is it too little too late, or can established tradition be successfully upturned?

The IVP staged reading of *Egyptian Bride* will begin on June 19th at 6:30 pm, followed by a question and answer session, moderated by Silk Road Rising's Jamil Khoury. It is free and open to the public and no RSVP is required. To learn more about the festival, click [HERE](#).



Playwright Fouad Teymour

Writers Theatre



Kareem Fahmy's *A Distinct Society* **June 22nd - July 23rd**

Writers Theatre is excited to produce the Chicago Premiere of Kareem Fahmy's *A Distinct Society*, a moving story about the many things—family, food, art, love, and politics—that either divide or unite us. Inspired by true events, this poignant and funny new play, written and directed by the gifted artist Kareem Fahmy, was a finalist for the National New Play Network's 2020 National Showcase for New Plays.

A quiet library that straddles the border of the U.S. and Canada becomes an unlikely crucible for five people from around the world.

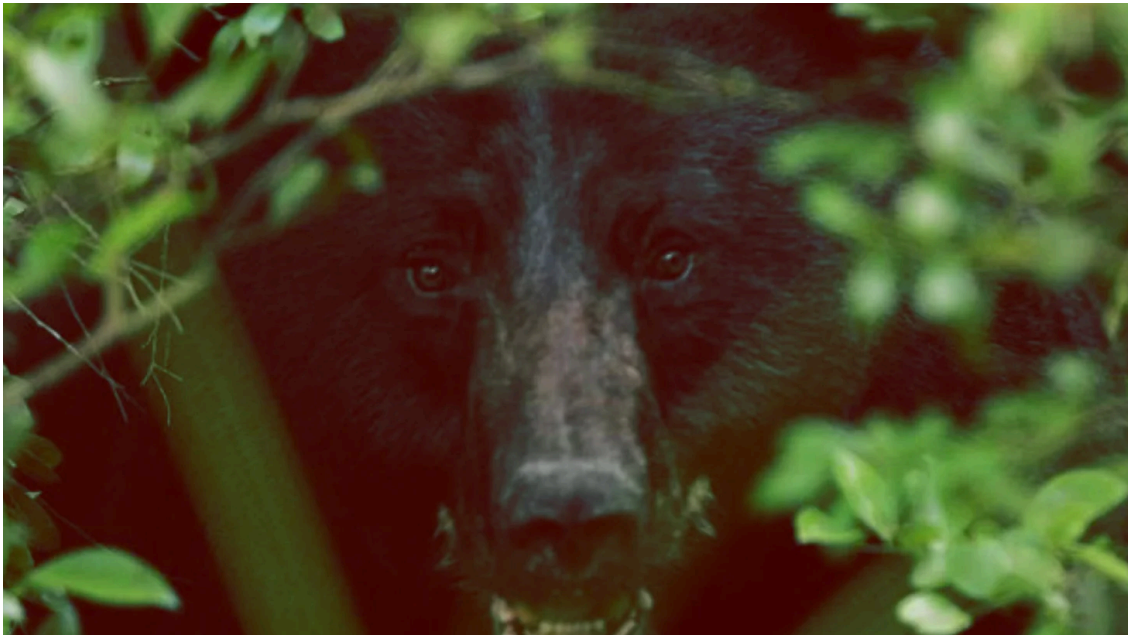
When an Iranian family, separated from one another by the "Muslim ban," uses the library as a meeting place, the head librarian, a U.S. border patrol officer, and a local teenager must choose between breaking the law and saving themselves.

A Distinct Society runs from June 22 - July 23, 2023. Tickets start at \$35 and can be purchased [HERE](#).



Playwright and Director Kareem Fahmy

Avalanche Theatre



Karissa Murrell Myers' *Black Bear Island* Staged Readings on June 23rd & June 25th

This June, Avalanche Theatre is producing a public reading of Karissa Murrell Myers' new play *Black Bear Island*, directed by Dan Washelesky.

Black Bear Island is a gothic magical-realism suspense thriller that explores regret, the unreliability of our own memories, and the paths we choose to become who we are. Amitra never believed the myth about her old hometown. But when Warren, her estranged childhood sweetheart, dies mysteriously and bequeaths her everything he owned, she returns to the island one last time. As the forest begins to engulf the house and the past collides with the present, Amitra is determined to find out who Warren really was and what actually happened to him.

The readings of *Black Bear Island* will take place on June 23rd at 7:30 pm and June 25th at 2 pm at the Fine Arts Building. To purchase tickets, please click [HERE](#).



Playwright Karissa Murrell Myers

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