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Farid ud Din Attar's Famous Poem *Conference of the Birds* Comes Alive on Our Stage



A Staged Reading with Music

Poem by Farid ud Din Attar
Adapted by Meena Natarajan
Directed by Dipankar Mukherjee

Conference of the Birds metaphorically maps out the journey of the human ego and the quest for truth.

In this classic tale, the birds of the world take flight on a pilgrimage to find their celebrated king, but the dangers and hardships encountered along the way cause many in the flock to abandon their search.

In the end the small number of birds that survive uncover a profound secret.

Presented in collaboration with the Ismaili Community of Chicago, an *Artistic and Cultural Diversity Initiative* funded by The Chicago Community Trust.

DATES

Friday, June 28 at 8pm
Saturday, June 29 at 8pm
Sunday, June 30 at 4pm

TICKETS

Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#) or by calling (312) 857-1234 x201.

VENUE

Performances held at Pierce Hall at The Historic Chicago Temple Building, 77 W Washington St, Chicago

PARKING

\$8 parking at Self Park, 230 W Washington St (3 blocks west of the theatre, corner of Washington & Franklin, building with Cosi Restaurant). Validation coupon can be picked up at the box office.

Building Community, Bridging Communities: *Mosque Alert* Workshop



CAIR-Chicago invites you to attend a workshop presented by Silk Road Rising Artistic Director Jamil Khoury. CAIR (Council on American Islamic Relations) is a Muslim civil rights and advocacy group.

At the event, Khoury will introduce his latest work-in-progress, *Mosque Alert*, and share select

video clips from the groundbreaking new play development and civic engagement process he has created online. Khoury's talk will address questions of religious pluralism, Islamophobia, and civil rights, drawing upon local, national, and international contexts.

Mosque Alert explores resistance to the building of mosques in communities across the U.S. with a specific focus on two families, one Muslim, the other Christian, living in Naperville, IL. In May, 2013, *Mosque Alert* received the ChangeMaker Award from Washington, D.C. based nonprofit SAALT (South Asian Americans Leading Together) in recognition of the project's contributions towards

After the presentation, the audience will be invited to participate in a talk-back with Khoury and to share their personal experiences and comment upon the fictional scenarios created in *Mosque Alert*.

DATE:

Wednesday, June 26th, 2013, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

VENUE:

17 North State Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60602

COST:

Free!

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The World Premiere of Danny Bernardo's *Mahal*



Silk Road Rising audiences will remember the staged readings of Danny Bernardo's play *Mahal* that we produced in June, 2012. We are thrilled to announce that one year after our readings, **Bailiwick Chicago Theater** is staging a full production of this beautiful play to be directed by Erica Weiss!

One of the first plays ever about a Filipino American family, *Mahal* centers on the Reyes family dealing with the loss of their matriarch. As new relationships blossom and family bonds are tested, a long forgotten secret from the homeland threatens to tear the family apart.

Dealing with themes of cultural identity, assimilation, homophobia, interracial and inter-generational relationships, *Mahal* examines what it truly means to be an American family.

VENUE:

Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago

DATES:

June 26 to August 2, 2013

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2pm

TICKETS:

\$25 to \$35

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