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Then Came the Fall - Silk Road Rising's Next Reading!

Then Came the Fall

Written by Nahal Navidar | Directed by Azar Kazemi
July 9th and 10th | 4:00pm | \$10

Nasrin, an Iranian-American PhD student, and Donovan, an elevator repairman, plan for a bright future together, but when explosions from the other side of the Hudson shake their world, the ashes of fear and hatred quietly creep in and haunt Donovan's mind. In a post 9/11 xenophobic environment where intolerance is the new status-quo, the couple finds themselves questioning if they will survive the fall. The readings will be the culmination of playwright Navidar's week-long residency at Silk Road Rising.



About the Playwright

Nahal Navidar is an Iranian-born dramatist raised in upstate New York.

Her work is motivated by the exploration of social issues while employing magical elements to awaken the expanse of human emotion.

Nahal's plays have been developed at Ensemble Studio Theatre/LA, Golden Thread Productions, The Kennedy Center, and the University at Albany, among others.

She holds an MFA in Dramatic Writing from the University of Southern California and is a member of the Dramatists Guild of America.



American Theatre Co. Presents *Xanadu*

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 Directed by **Lili-Anne Brown**

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MAY 29 - JULY 3

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 DIRECTED BY **SETH BOCKLEY**

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