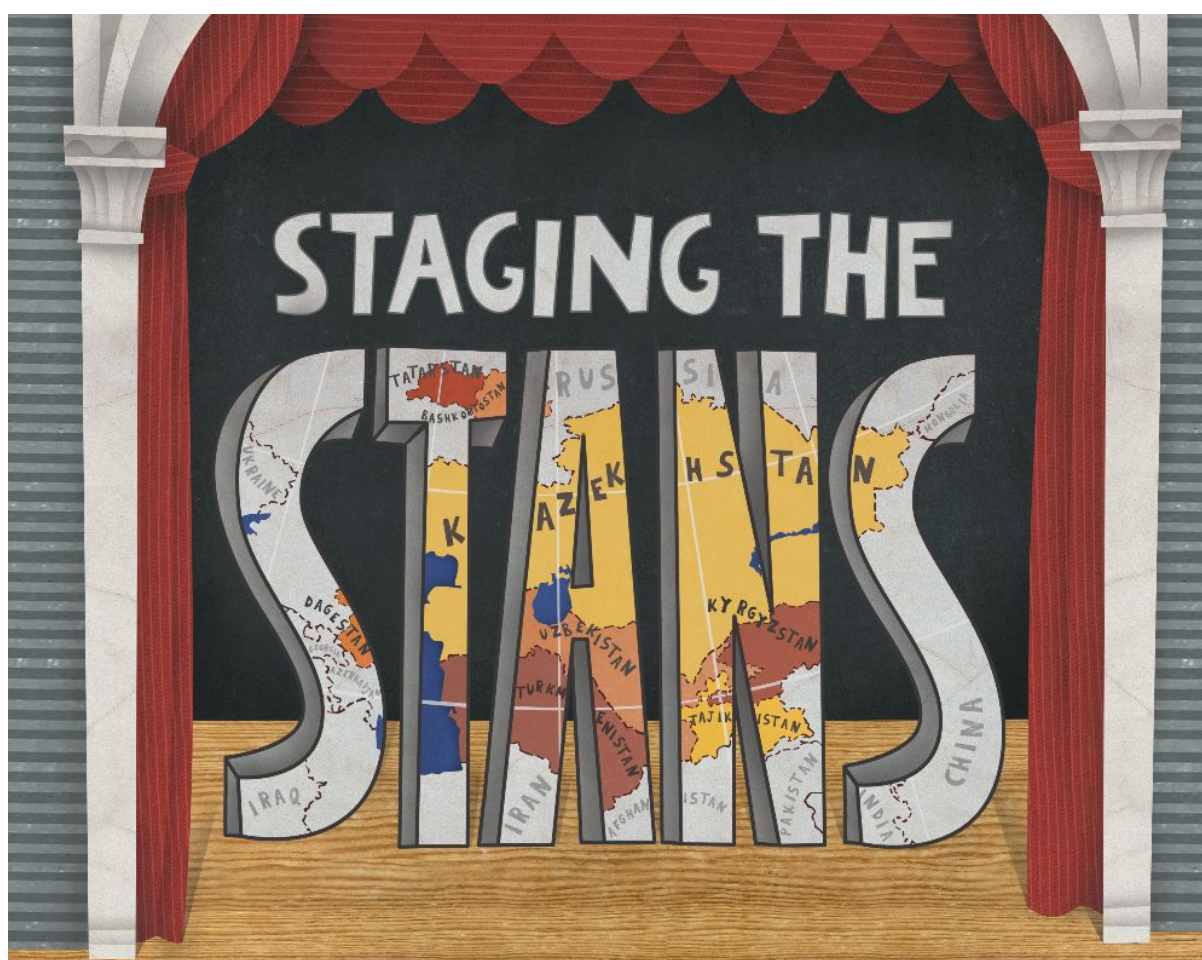


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Join Us TONIGHT for Staging the Stans



Staged Readings from July 12–15

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Are you looking for something to do this weekend?

Why not escape the heat and see a play?

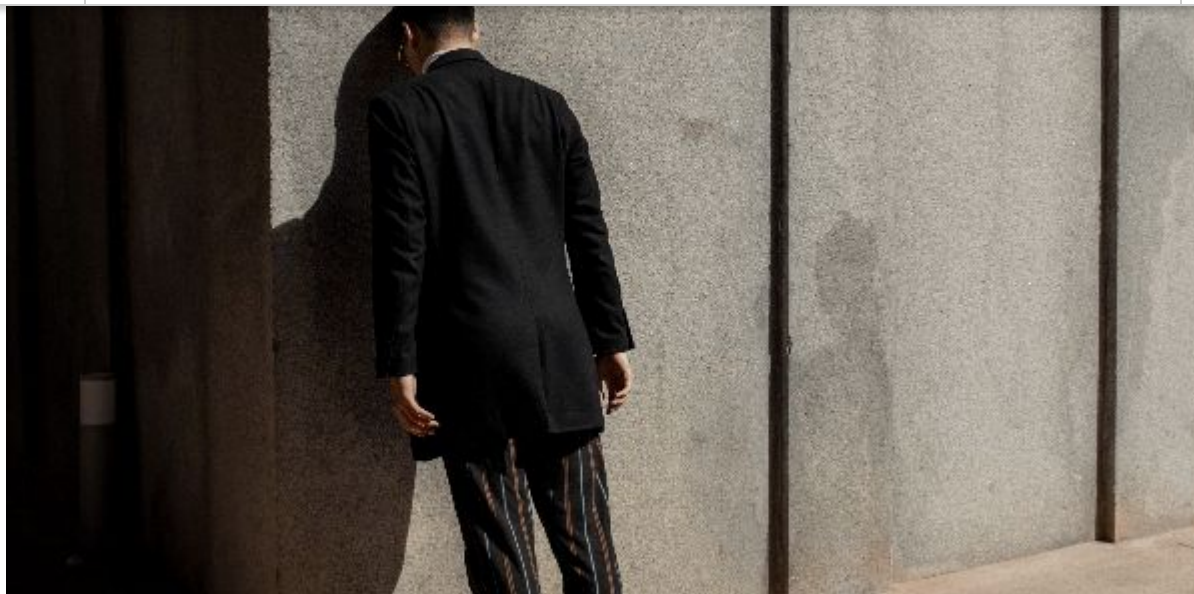
Starting tonight, Silk Road Rising is hosting a four day long staged reading festival curated by Kazakh playwright Olzhas Zhanaydarov and Russian playwright Evgeny Kazachkov.

Uzbek (Friday and Saturday), ***The Store*** (Saturday and Sunday), and ***The Izmailovo Apartment*** (Sunday and Monday) make up this exciting weekend of newly translated plays by playwrights from the "Stans." Tickets are only **\$13** for each reading!

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

Keep reading below to learn about each play.

Uzbek: July 12 & 13



Uzbek

by Talgat Batalov and Yekaterina Bondarenko

Translated by John Freedman

Directed by Sami Ismat

Friday, July 12 at 7:00PM and

Saturday, July 13 at 3:00PM



In Talgot Batalov's *Uzbek*, tales of Central Asian immigrants become fodder for a stand-up comedy routine. The ironies, dangers, paradoxes, and absurdities of moving from one culture to another are satirized in this intrepid tribute to human resilience. *Uzbek* avoids cliches and partisanship, insisting instead that everything cuts two ways.

The Store: July 13 & 14



The Store

by Olzhas Zhanaydarov

Translated by John Freedman

Directed by Jeremy Aluma

Saturday, July 13 at 7:00PM and

Sunday, July 14 at 3:00PM

Based on real events, Olzhas Zhanaydarov's *The Store* exposes the brutal torment of a Kazakh migrant working in Moscow. Public indifference and a corrupt police force silence young victims lured from their homeland by a Kazakh trafficker. Promises of money, citizenship, and family reunification set the stage for a life of indentured servitude and abuse, a reality rationalized by religious interpretations of master and slave.

The Izmailovo Apartment: July 14 & 15

***The Izmailovo Apartment***

by Emilia Kazumova and Zarema Zautdinova

Translated by Graham Schmidt

Directed by Adrienne Cury

Sunday, July 14 at 7:00PM and

Monday, July 15 at 7:00PM



Fleeing domestic violence, rape, and deception, three women find refuge in a squalid apartment in the Izmailovo district of Moscow. Based on the personal life of playwright Emilia Kazumova and anecdotal stories that she collected, *The Izmailovo Apartment* explores the pursuit of personal dignity against patriarchal torment.

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