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## Just Between Us Theater Folks



On Thursday, August 13, 2020, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) sponsored a lively online conversation about the newly launched Middle Eastern and North African Theater-Makers Alliance (MENATMA).

The panel was moderated by Dr. Michael Malek Najjar, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts at the University of Oregon, and featured panelists Tracy Cameron Francis, Artistic Director of Boom Arts in Portland, Oregon; Evren Odcikin, Associate Artistic Director of Oregon Shakespeare Festival; and Silk Road Rising's very own Jamil Khoury, Co-Founder and Co-Executive Artistic Director. The three Oregonians and one Chicagoan exchanged stories, strategies, and hopes for this promising and ambitious theater-makers alliance.



Francis, Khoury, Najjar, and Odcikin are all Founding Steering Committee members of MENATMA. Collectively, they embody decades of expanding the American story.

We encourage you to listen to this inspiring community conversation. At times like now, we are all seeking hope. MENATMA not only inspires hope but a vision for meaningful change.

**Watch the Panel**

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Sibat, National Organizer of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, for hosting the event and for amplifying the voices of American Middle Eastern and North African artists.



## MENA THEATER MAKERS ALLIANCE

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