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INVASION! Invades Through Sept 15th



From Amy Munice's review for *Splash Magazines*:

"For those of us who seek out small Chicago theater to spark thoughts in new directions, Silk Road Rising's *Invasion!* delivers this with perfect comic timing and a flawless performance.

We laugh frequently and hard such that the underlying tragedy in this story accumulates below our in-

the-moment radar. In the most able hands of playwright Jonas Hassen Khemiri, translator Rachel Willson-Broyles and director Anna Bahow, you will dwell in this zone for 80 uninterrupted minutes where farce meets tragedy in the deconstruction, sometimes quite literal, of the West's stereotype of the Arab man.

Go see *Invasion!* with your most thoughtful friends who will help you savor deconstructing the deconstruction."

Invasion! performs on Thursdays at 7:30pm, Fridays at 8pm, and Saturdays & Sundays at 4pm. Tickets are \$30.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and buy tickets!

Provocative Theatre Causing Quite A Stir!



Chicagoist published a featured interview with Artistic Director Jamil Khoury.

"Silk Road Rising places art and activism at the center of our mission. Malik Gillani and I co-founded the company as a response to the attacks of September 11, 2001, and the backlash against Arab Americans and Muslim Americans that immediately followed. In many respects, *Invasion!* crystallizes our mission. It theatricalizes the scenarios that compelled us to

produce theater in the first place. The fact that it is stimulating discussion and debate in Chicago's theater community validates the urgency of the play's message."

Read the entire [INTERVIEW](#) by clicking on the image.

Honoring Sweat & Toil! Labor Day Special!



This weekend, rest your weary bones and work out the brain instead! Come laugh, cry, and grow with *Invasion!*

In celebrating Labor Day, we're offering \$15 tickets to this Saturday's 4pm and Sunday's 4pm performances. Use code **LABOR** to get discount.

"Invasion! is a study of language and its power. It also looks at the

idea of truth, and how it is interpreted and communicated." -Playwright Jonas Hassen Khemiri.

EPIC: Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course



Silk Road Rising's **EPIC (Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course)** is a 16-week arts-integrated education program designed to engage a student's imagination and help them articulate it through drama.

EPIC was developed out of a desire to impart upon today's students the importance of empathy—not just as a value and

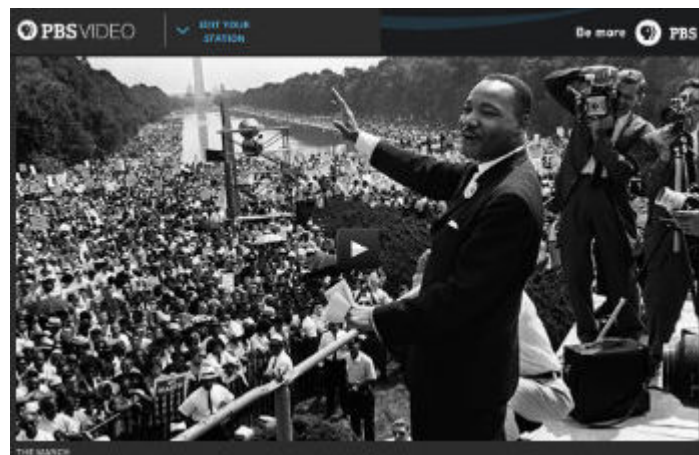
a practice, but also as a significant tool when it comes to cultural sensitivity and conflict resolution. Students explore their world—and themselves—as EPIC immerses them in dramatic writing, aiding them in the discovery of compassionate empathy.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short play written by a 6th grade participating student.

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short play written by a 10th grade participating student.

To learn more about EPIC, click on [IMAGE](#). To bring EPIC to your school, contact executive director Malik Gillani at 312-857-1234 x202 or email malik@silkroadrising.org.

WATCH: The March



Witness the compelling and dramatic story of the 1963 March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his stirring "I **Have a Dream**" speech. This watershed event in the Civil Rights Movement helped change the face of America.

The film reveals the dramatic story behind the event through the remembrances of key players such as Jack O'Dell, Clarence B. Jones,

Julian Bond and Andrew Young. Supporters and other testimonials of the March include Harry Belafonte, Diahann Carroll, Roger Mudd, Peter Yarrow and Oprah Winfrey, in addition to historians, journalists, authors and ordinary citizens who joined some 250,000 Americans who thronged to the capital on that momentous day to peacefully demand an end to two centuries of discrimination and injustice. Denzel Washington narrates.

Much gratitude to PBS for making this documentary available for free viewing online. [Click on IMAGE to play video.](#)

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