

Hello &&First Name>>, *Invasion!* will be closing soon - don't miss it! [View Online](#) Or [Forward](#) to a friend.



Invade or Forever Hold Your Peace!



From the *Chicago Tribune* Review:

Jonas Hassen Khemiri's *Invasion!* "blends the classic nesting-stories structure of 'The Arabian Nights' with contemporary riffs on the psychic damages incurred through racial and ethnic profiling...a clever and sometimes-wrenching kaleidoscopic journey through the looking-glass of prejudice, fear and internalized self-loathing...there is a whiff of 'Alice in Wonderland' in Khemiri's world, too. Humpty-Dumpty's assertion that 'When I choose a word, it means just what I choose it to mean — neither more nor less' gets a workout through repeated invocations and iterations of the name 'Abulkasem,' which takes on numerous shades of meaning. Abulkasem is whoever and whatever the characters choose it to mean — or choose to see in those who bear the name. [*Invasion!* is] a sly condemnation of monolingual culture and how easy it is to believe the worst of those who do not speak one's own native tongue."

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The Historic Chicago Temple Building
77 W Washington St, Chicago

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[CLICK HERE](#) to read an interview with playwright Jonas Hassen Khemiri in *Chicago Magazine*.

The Lake Effect is Nominated for Best New Work!



We're proud to announce that the Jeff Awards Committee has nominated our Spring 2013 world premiere production Rajiv Joseph's *The Lake Effect* for Best New Work. *The Lake Effect* is one of five new plays to have been nominated.

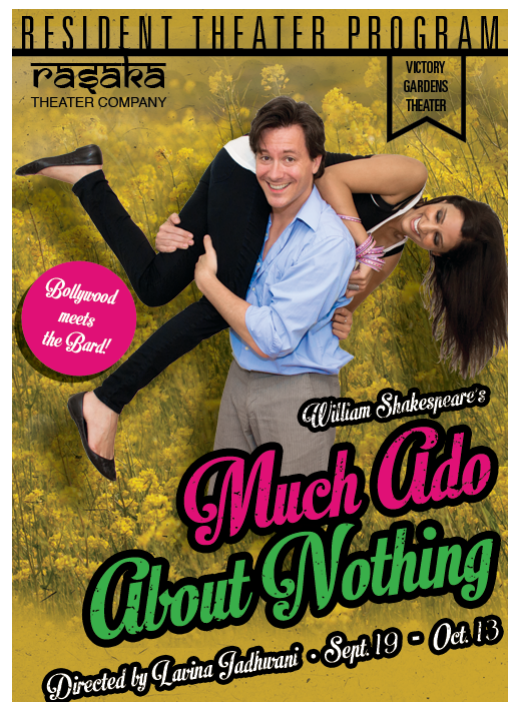
Silk Road Rising and New Jersey's Crossroads Theatre, in partnership with New York's Lark Play Development Center, co-commissioned Joseph to write *The Lake Effect*. It is enormously validating to have our long standing commitment to

And we proudly salute *The Lake Effect's* stellar cast and artistic team, under the elegant direction of Timothy Douglas, for giving life Joseph's beautiful play with such integrity and skill.

The Lake Effect tells story of a first generation Indian American brother and sister whose lives become entangled with the African American friend of their late father. It is at once a profound story of love, pain, racism, and loss, as well as triumph and self-discovery. In his review, Michael Roberts of *Showbiz Chicago* wrote, "*The Lake Effect* cements Mr. Joseph as one of our most formidable new playwrights." We wholeheartedly agree!

To relive your favorite moments from the play, click on the [IMAGE](#) to watch videos with the creative team and scenes from the production.

Rasaka Theatre presents *Much Ado About Nothing*



Written by William Shakespeare
Directed by Silk Road Rising Artistic Associate
Lavina Jadhurani

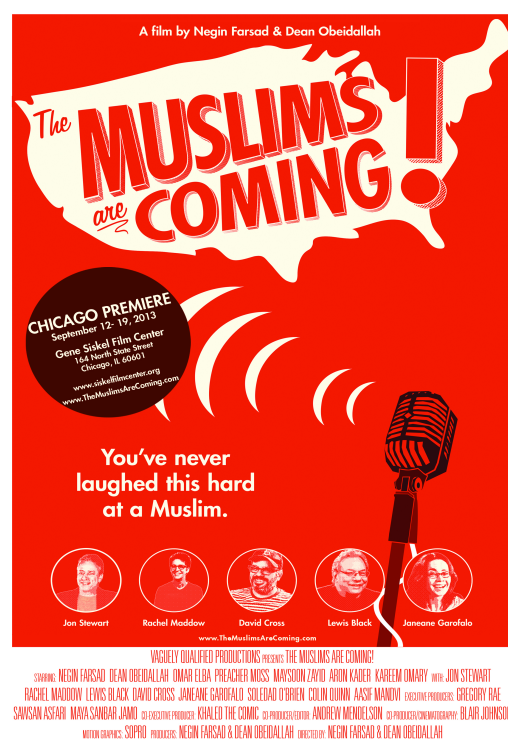
September 19 – October 13
at Victory Gardens Theater
2433 West Lincoln Ave
773-871-3000
www.rasakatheatre.com

Much Ado About Nothing features a complex plot that includes quarreling lovers, scheming villains, doting fathers, questions of a woman's honor, and a big fancy wedding that goes awry - with a modern day Bollywood twist to boot!

Silk Road patrons receive \$5 off tickets with the code BOLLYWOOD -- valid via phone or online. (All regular fees still apply.)

Rasaka Theatre Company is a Chicago-based, South Asian American, ensemble with the goal of increasing diversity among artists and audience by engaging and illuminating the South Asian American experience. *Much Ado* is where Bollywood meets the Bard!

The Muslims Are Coming! A New Film!



Chicago Premiere!

Gene Siskel Film Center
164 N State St

Director-comedians Negin Farsad and Dean Obeidallah will be present for audience discussion on Thursday, September 12.

Are Muslims funny? You'll believe it when you catch the standup acts of Negin Farsad, Dean Obeidallah, Omar Elba, Maysoon Zayid, and more, as comedy becomes an effective and hilarious weapon in the face of all strains of ethnic and religious prejudice.

Taking their show on the road through the deep south and southwest, this band of daredevil comics stages revealing stunts to break the ice. Hug a Muslim in Salt Lake City? You bet. Test your knowledge of the Bible against the Koran in a Bible-belt burg? Go for it. Interviews include

Jon Stewart, Lewis Black, Janeane Garofalo, Rachel Maddow, and more. HDCAM video.

Playing at Gene Siskel Film Center from September 12th to September 19th. Click on [IMAGE](#) to learn more and to buy tickets.

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