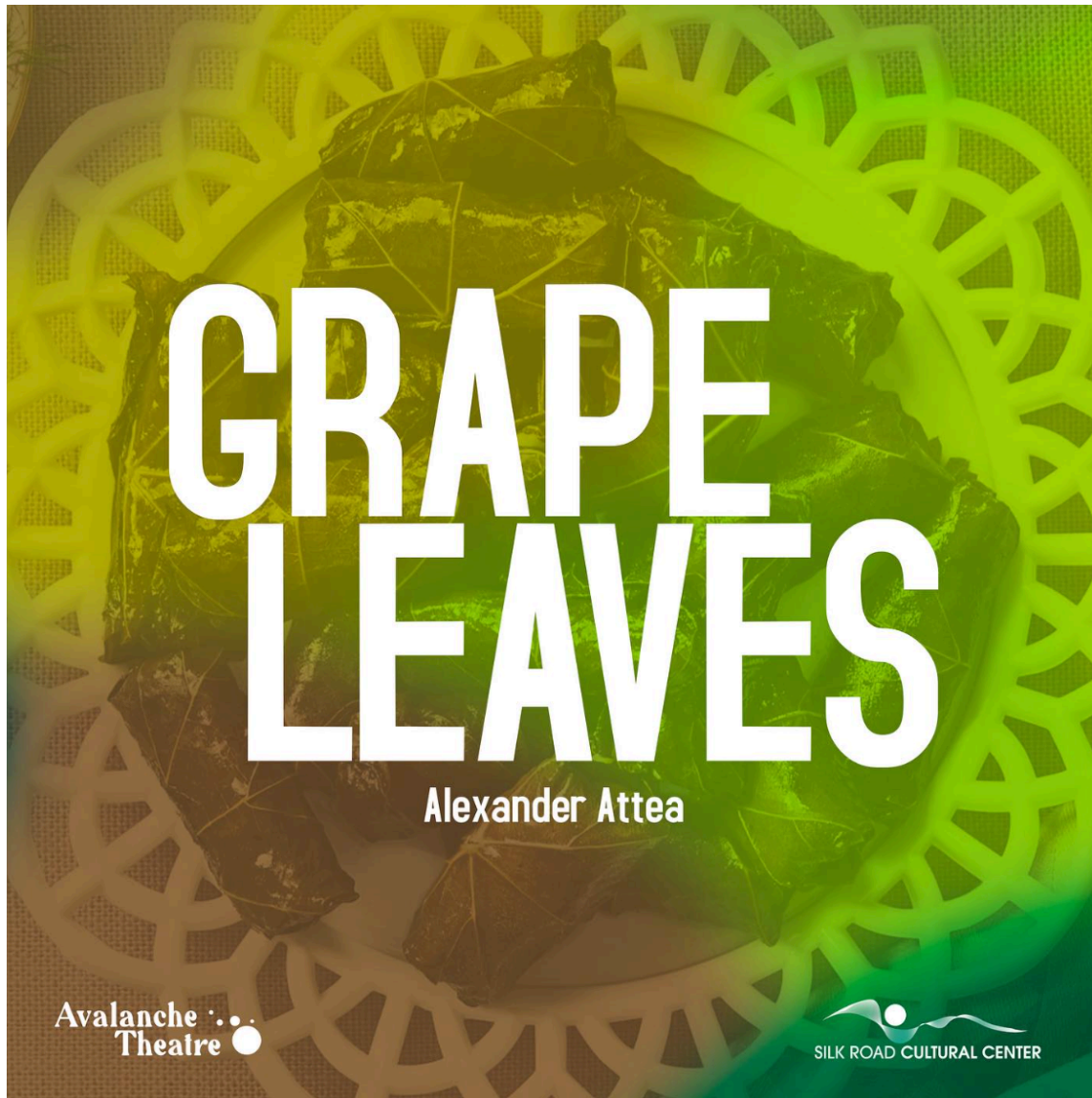


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You're invited to a staged reading of *Grape Leaves*, a new play-in-progress written by Alexander Attea and directed by Christina Casano, on **March 8th & 10th at 7:30 PM.**

In Partnership with **Avalanche Theatre**

Location: The Little Studio, Fine Arts Building,
410 S Michigan Ave,
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Tickets are Pay-What-You-Can

Saturday, March 8th at 7:30 PM

Monday, March 10th at 7:30 PM

About *Grape Leaves*

Marcus Mansour, a third-generation Lebanese American, is helping his family run the annual Lebanese Festival at his Maronite Catholic church in a rapidly changing Buffalo, NY. The problem is, he's feeling disconnected from his family and community. His sister is embroiled in a toxic relationship. His dad announced that he's remarrying. And worst of all, his grandmother won't share the family's treasured recipes. When the new parish priest asks him to run the festival, Marcus seizes the opportunity to gain a deeper connection to his family and roots. Then a surprise blizzard hits.



Playwright Alexander Attea (left) and Director Christina Casano (right)

Malik Honored by St. John's College

On January 26, 2025, in a ceremony held at The Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC, our Co-Founder Malik received the Award of Merit for Contributions to the Arts from the St. John's College Alumni

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Malik and Jamil traveled to DC to attend the ceremony, and Malik delivered a beautiful and very moving acceptance speech. They also visited the historic St. John's College campus in Annapolis, Maryland,

Congratulations, Malik, on this prestigious and well-deserved recognition!



St. John's College Alumni Association leadership, Josephine Escalante and Brett Heavner, with Malik Gillani (center) at the award ceremony in Washington DC.



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Malik reflects on his experience and reads the speech he gave at the award ceremony on January 26th.



Malik and Jamil at St. John's College in Annapolis, MD.

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