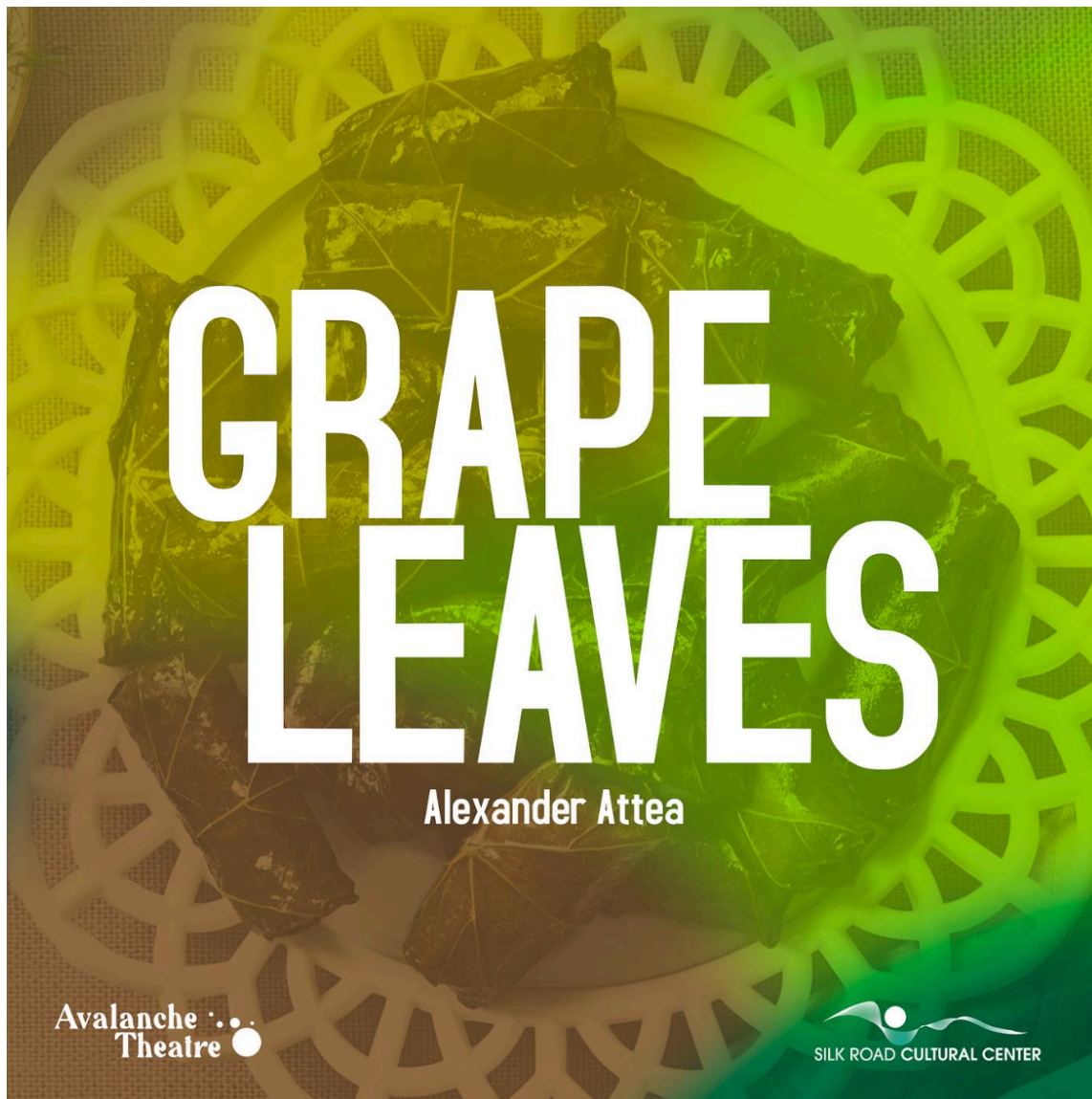


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We're only one week away from the staged readings of *Grape Leaves*, a new play-in-progress written by Alexander Attea and directed by Christina Casano, on **March 8th & 10th at 7:30 PM.**

In Partnership with **Avalanche Theatre**

Location: The Little Studio, Fine Arts Building,  
410 S Michigan Ave,

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)

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