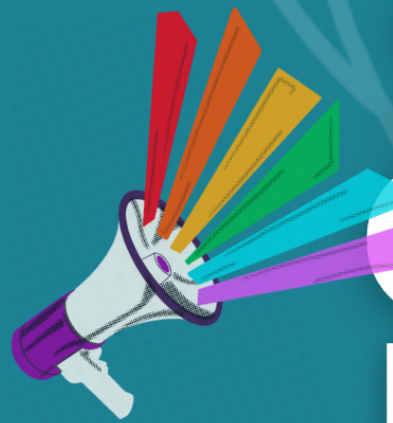


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# SAY GAY PLAYS

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 @ 2PM**

@NEIU CARRUTHERS CENTER | 700 E OAKWOOD BLVD, CHICAGO, 60653  
New Plays by Hannah li-Epstein, Lani Montreal, Esho Rasho and Emilio Williams



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**Silk Road Cultural Center** is proud to partner with **About Face Theatre** and **Northeastern Illinois University** to produce the inaugural Chicago staged reading of the *Say Gay Plays* project.

*Say Gay Plays* is an initiative of New York City's **Voyage Theater Company** aimed at countering harmful anti-LGBTQ legislation and

rhetoric. The project involves the commissioning of short 10-minute plays by Queer playwrights, and producing royalty-free readings of the plays.

The Chicago staged reading will feature new works by local playwrights and plays from the original collection, celebrating the intersections of Queer joy, resilience, and activism.

This event is a part of the **Goodman Theatre's 100 Free Acts of Theatre** initiative.

**When:** Saturday, September 20th at 2 PM

**Where:** NEIU's Carruthers Center at 700 East Oakwood Blvd in Bronzeville

## Reserve Your Ticket Today!

In an era of state censorship, word policing, and criminalized identities, *Say Gay Plays* is a perfect antidote. A bold, unapologetic short plays initiative developed by NYC's Voyage Theater that champions Queer joy, collective resilience, and personal triumph. It is an honor and a privilege to partner with About Face Theatre and Northeastern Illinois University to bring to life stories that offer hope and healing in turbulent times. Florida's Governor and state legislature be damned. We at Silk Road Cultural Center most definitely say gay!

**Malik Gillani & Jamil Khoury**  
**SRCC Co-Founders**  
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**Rebuilding Syria Part 5:  
Al Sharaa and Company Must Go**



In Part Five of the *Rebuilding Syria* collection, host Jamil Khoury examines the role of Syria's interim president, Ahmad Al Sharaa, in recent sectarian massacres targeting Alawite, Druze, and Christian communities.

Throughout the episode, Khoury examines how religious and ethnic communities are being targeted and killed, how gender-based violence is being utilized as a weapon of war, how Sunni Muslim diversity of thought is being suppressed, and how the international response has failed to reckon with the regime's actions.

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