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## Hit Play And Be Inspired

This week, we're bringing you a compelling conversation and another robust reflection straight from our podcast studio. Don't miss the chance to engage with brilliant Iranian American artists and a Syrian American on a mission.

### *In Conversation* **About Sanaz Toossi's "Wish You Were Here"**



Jamil Khoury speaks with director Azar Kazemi, and actors Tina Arfaee, Joan Nahid, and Shadee Vossoughi about Remy Bumppo Theatre's Chicago Premiere of Sanaz Toossi's "Wish You Were Here," running from September 18 - October 19, 2025.

The conversation delves into the play and its powerful resonance, as well as broader themes of Iranian representation in American theatre.

"Wish You Were Here" is a fascinating window into the lives of five Iranian women, whose friendships span political tumult, displacement, raunchiness, and fun.

For information about the production and to purchase tickets, click [HERE](#).

## ***Rebuilding Syria Part 6:***

# *A Cradle of Christianity*



"Because in Christendom, all roads lead to Syria"

Syria isn't just part of Christianity's story—it's where Christianity was born. From St. Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus to the word "Christian" first being coined in Antioch, the roots of the faith are deeply embedded in Syrian soil.

But today, those roots are under threat. Since the Syrian war began in 2011, nearly ninety percent of Syria's Christians have fled. And yet, we refuse to accept that the Christian story of Syria is one of forever decline.

In Part 6 of our Rebuilding Syria series, Host Jamil Khoury explores Syria's Christian history and present-day struggle, and his hopes for an Eastern Christian renaissance. Because Syria's Christians are not outsiders—they are home. And their survival matters for all Syrians.

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