

# SILK ROAD SOLOS

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Thursdays | 7:30pm  
Fridays | 8:00pm  
Saturdays | 4:00pm  
Sundays | 4:00pm

## TICKETS

\$15 each.  
Series pass available.

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June 11-14, 2015

## UNVEILED



Written and  
performed by  
**Rohina Malik**

Racism. Hate crimes. Love. Islam. Culture. Language. Life. Five Muslim women in a post-9/11 world serve tea and uncover what lies beneath the veil in this compelling one-woman show.

August 13-16, 2015

## A GREAT DIVE



Written and  
performed by  
**Puja Mohindra**

Geeta Gidwani doesn't want the arranged marriage her parents have. She's an American girl and wants to fall madly in love, like she's seen in Shakespeare, Bollywood movies and her favorite show, Friends. But after a family trip to a holy Indian temple inspires her to wish for a soulmate, she meets Manish, standing at the corner of tradition and fairytale.

October 1-4, 2015

## YELLOW DRESS



Written and  
performed by  
**Marissa Lichwick**

Born out of her experiences growing up as a Korean-adoptee in a family of ten in upstate New York, this coming-of-age, one-woman show follows two orphans through the streets of South Korea, into the suburban American heartland, and their fortuitous journey back. Back to Korea, back to their past.



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## Featuring MUTHALAND

Written & Performed by **MINITA GANDHI**  
Directed by **HEIDI STILLMAN**

**APRIL 23-26, 2015**  
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# MUTHALAND

Written and Performed by **Minita Gandhi\***  
Directed by **Heidi Stillman**

## PRODUCTION TEAM

**Jamil Khoury** | Founding Artistic Director  
**Malik Gillani** | Founding Executive Director  
**Minita Gandhi\*** | Playwright, Actor  
**Heidi Stillman** | Director  
**Corey Pond** | Production Manager  
**Helen C. Lattyak\*** | Stage Manager  
**Yu Shibagaki** | Set Designer  
**Kristof Janezic** | Lighting Designer and Master Electrician  
**Jesse Gaffney** | Props Designer  
**Jonathan Green** | Script Consultant  
**Juan Villa** | Script Consultant  
**Al Gillani** | Box Office Manager  
**Jin You** | House Manager  
**Andrew Skwish** | Poster Art Illustrator  
**Darrel Reese** | Graphic Designer  
**Carol Goerne** | Saints Coordinator

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\* Member of Actors' Equity Association, the union of professional actors and stage managers in the United States, a national theatrical labor union.



## CAST BIOS



**Minita Gandhi** was born in Mumbai, India. Raised primarily in San Francisco, she is proud to have called Chicago her artistic home for over 8 years. She can be seen in the recurring role of Dr. Prospere on NBC's *Chicago Fire*, and has appeared on Fox's hit show *Empire*, NBC's *Crisis*, ABC's *Betrayal*, Fox's *The Chicago Code*, and was The Onion News Network's anchor, Nina Shankar. She is a proud pledge host with PBS for their WTTW Chicago affiliate station. Minita has worked at a number of regional theaters across the country including Berkeley Repertory Theater, The Arena Stage, Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and Lookingglass Theater. She has been directed by the Tony award winning adaptor and director Mary Zimmermann, and originated the role of Priya, in Silk Road Rising's World Premiere production of Rajiv Joseph's, *The Lake Effect*. She travels with the corporate comedy improv troupe, Wavelength, and is a Master Trainer for Pinnacle Performance training executives in communication all over the world. She is a writer, storyteller, and lover of life. Minita is represented by Gray Talent Group.



**Heidi Stillman** is an ensemble member of Lookingglass Theatre where she serves as the Artistic Director of New Work. Heidi most recently directed Lucas Hnath's *Death Tax* for Lookingglass. Heidi has both written and directed for Lookingglass: *Cascabel*, in collaboration with Tony Hernandez and Rick Bayless; *The North China Lover*, *Hephaestus*, in collaboration with Tony Hernandez; *The Brothers Karamazov* (2009 Raven award); *Hard Times* (5 Jeff awards including director, new work, and production; *Hard Times* was also produced at the Arden in Philadelphia); *The Master and Margarita* (Jeff nominated). Additional writing credits with Lookingglass: *The Last Act of Lilka Kadison* with Andy White, David Kersnar, Abbie Phillips and Nicola Behrman; *The Old Curiosity Shop* with Laura Eason and Raymond Fox (Jeff award for adaptation), and *The Baron in the Trees* with Larry DiStasi (Jeff nominated). Directing work with Lookingglass includes *Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo*, *Trust* (co-directed with David Schwimmer), *The Wooden Brecks* and *Hillbilly Antigone*. Heidi's adaptation of *The Book Thief* premiered at Steppenwolf Theatre in the fall of 2012. Additionally, she has staged Laura Eason's *Around the World in 80 Days* at Kansas City Repertory, and Mary Zimmermann's *The Arabian Nights* at Berkeley Repertory. She lives in Chicago with her husband, sound designer and composer Rick Sims, and their twelve year olds, Sadie and Jude.

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Rape Victim Advocates - <http://www.rapevictimadvocates.org>