

BEYOND THE MASK

BEYOND THE MASK: A SEARCH FOR IDENTITY AND GIVING VOICE TO THE UNHEARD.

We all wear masks. Before the pandemic there was a precedent for wearing a proverbial mask. However, in these “unprecedented” times we have shut our doors and drawn physical masks over our faces. We choose when and where to lift the mask - when it’s safe, when it’s comfortable, when there’s no threat to our person, our health or our identity. However, some of us have the ability to choose when to reveal our true selves while others do not.

Beyond The Mask is excited to announce our virtual theatre festival with a social mission as we celebrate MENA artists and invite them into conversations with scholars, experts, panelists and moderators as we examine what it means to create art during a pandemic and how the idea of identity and globalization has evolved in the past year. Through play readings, panel discussions and moderated talkbacks we will look at crisis, identity and globalization in the times of COVID19 and ask,

**“WHO ARE WE, WHERE HAVE WE BEEN,
AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?”**

Join us as we celebrate the work and engage in conversation with this diverse group of artists as they examine and explore a myriad of topics related to crisis, identity and globalization.



AN OVERVIEW OF THE FESTIVAL

CONVERSATIONS & READINGS

Amahl Raphaël Khouri [r20.rs6.net]

Conversation with the Artist - 10/12 @2pm

Ebru Celkan [r20.rs6.net]

Conversation with the Artist - 10/13 @2pm

Noelle Ghoussaini [r20.rs6.net]

Conversation and Workshop with the Artist - 10/13 @6pm

Iman Aoun [r20.rs6.net]

Conversation with the Artist - 10/14 @2pm

Shadi Ghaheri [r20.rs6.net]

Eros Play Reading - 10/14 @7pm

Sanaz Ghajar [r20.rs6.net]

Iranian Girlfriend Play Reading - 10/14 @9pm

Michael Zalta [r20.rs6.net]

*Who the F*ck is Ahmed Play Reading - 10/15 @7pm*

Abhishek Majumdar [r20.rs6.net]

Conversation with the Artist - 10/16 @2pm

Adam Ashraf El Sayigh [r20.rs6.net]

Jamestown/Williamsburg Play Reading - 10/16 @7pm

Mirza Metin [r20.rs6.net]

Conversation with the Artist - 10/17 @2pm

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

GLOBALIZATION

How do we weigh the amazing global virtual access we now have against the restriction of gathering together in a physical space?

Moderated by Roberta Levitow with panelists: Catherine Coray,
Noelle Ghossaini & Aktina Stathaki

Monday October 12th @5pm

IDENTITY

How do we define identity in the midst of a pandemic?

Moderated by Sanaz Ghajar with panelists Leila Buck,
Sarah Bitar & Mona Mansour

Thursday October 15th @4pm

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