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Workshop/Readings of
Safer Ground

Teesri Duniya Theatre is presenting three readings of “*Safer Ground*” by James Forsythe, directed by Julia Ainsworth. This new work is a verbatim play taken from stories of returning Canadian soldiers from Afghanistan and their families and of interviews with the Afghan community here in Montreal.

The play has been in development for several years and the first production entitled “Soldier Up” was of the stories that James gathered of the soldiers and their families. Artistic Director of Teesri Duniya Theatre, Rahul Varma commented ‘when I heard of this project, I was immediately interested in the contrasting viewpoints of the Afghani-Canadians so invited James to present the series of workshops here in Montreal.’

These workshops/readings are part of the Intercultural Conversations series organized by Teesri Duniya Theatre with support from the Ville de Montreal and the Theatre and Community Collaborations Program of the Canada Council for the Arts. The artists for the readings are: Davide Chiazzese, Alex de la Cruz, Abdelghafour Elaaziz, Li Li, Natalie Tannous, and Emilee Veluz. Montreal director Julia Ainsworth is the Artistic Director of Zeitgeist Theatre Collective and was a member of the Playwriting Unit of Playwrights Workshop Montreal (2010).

Playwright James Forsythe holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Acting from the University of Alberta and a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Directing and Performance from the University of Victoria and is a full professor at Brandon University. He is a professional actor and director and a member of Canadian Actors Equity Association and ACTRA. He currently holds a Brandon University Research Grant and was co teaching Oral History and Performance with Professors Steven High and Edward Little at Concordia University while on sabbatical from BU.

Tuesday, April 23 at 2 pm

The Afghan Women’s Centre of Montreal,
610 Desmarchais, Verdun QC H4H 1S6 (enter by Verdun St./Melrose St.)

Thursday, April 26 at 7 pm

Concordia University,
Molson Building, 1450 Guy St. Montreal QC H3H 0A1 (Rm MB 7.425)

Saturday, April 28 at 2 pm

Dawson College
3040 Sherbrooke St. W., Westmount QC H3Z 1A4 (Rm 3B13)

All the presentations are FREE of charge. Following each presentation, please join us for a round-table discussion and refreshments.

For more information, please call 514-848-0238 or email info@teesriduniya.com

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