



Teesri Duniya
T H E A T R E

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SAFER GROUND?

The English Department of Vanier College presents
Language and Writing in the 21st Century: A Symposium
November 7th- 9th, 2012

Teesri Duniya Theatre is pleased to present a staged reading of excerpts from *Safer Ground?* by **James Forsythe**, directed by **Julia Ainsworth**, in collaboration with **Vanier College**. This new work-in-progress 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; the first production entitled "Soldier Up" was comprised of the stories that Forsythe gathered from the soldiers and their families at the armed forces base near Shilo, Manitoba. Later he traveled to Montreal to speak with members of the Afghan community and incorporated their stories in a play entitled *Safer Ground?* These stories are interwoven from actual transcripts of interviews. In May 2012 as 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, staged readings were presented at **Dawson College, Concordia University** and the **Afghan Women's Centre of Montreal**.

The artists for the reading are: **Daide Chiazzese, Mehrnaz Mohammadi, and Emilee Veluz**. They will be joined on stage by **Rahul Varma**, playwright and artistic director of Teesri Duniya, and director Julia Ainsworth, for a discussion of the work from 2 – 4 pm on Thurs. Nov. 8th.

The purpose of the symposium: "Language is a tool for many purposes: day-to-day interactions with family and community, education, information dissemination, and creative expression. While words on a printed page may appear fixed and stable, the forms they take, the problems they unleash, and the visions they inspire, are shifting, and unpredictable. The goal of this symposium is to show students how relevant language and literature are to their lives, and how dynamic they can be".

All events take place in the auditorium (A-103), with the exception of the coffee house, which will take place in the Theatre Room (B-326).

Free Admission

Reading of *Safer Ground?* **Thursday, November 8 at 2pm**

Vanier College (in A-103), Montreal, Qc

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For more information about the symposium, visit <http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/events-calendar>

Teesri Duniya Theatre is a Montreal-based theatre company dedicated to producing socially and politically relevant theatre that supports a multicultural vision of society, promoting interculturalism through works of theatre, and creating theatrical styles based on the cultural experiences of visible minorities living in Canada.

For more information about Teesri Duniya, visit: www.teesriduniya.com