

Target Margin Theater

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ABOUT US

Target Margin is an OBIE Award-winning theater company that creates innovative productions of classic plays, and new plays inspired by history, literature, and other art forms. In our new home in Sunset Park we energetically expand the possibilities of live performance, and engage our community at all levels through partnerships and programs.

TMT PROGRAMS

INSTITUTE

The Institute is a year-long fellowship (January – December) that provides five diverse artists space, support and a \$1,000 stipend to challenge themselves and their art-making practice.

2019 Fellows: Sarah Dahnke, Mashuq Mushtaq Deen, Yoni Oppenheim, Gabrielle Revlock, and Sarah K. Williams.

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Artist Residency Program provides established, mid-career and emerging artists up to 100 hours of dedicated rehearsal and developmental space. Each residency is shaped to meet the specific needs of each artist and will include a work-in-progress free to the public.

2019 Artists-in-Residence: Tanisha Christie, Jesse Freedman, Sugar Vendil, Deepali Gupta, Sarah Hughes, and Chana Porter.

SPACE RENTALS

Our SPACE program provides long term / short term studio space for all artists to gather and engage in their creative / cultural practices. In our new home in Sunset Park, we are dedicated to expanding the supply of affordable theater and studio space. **Email space@targetmargin.org for more info!**

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NEWS OF THE STRANGE LAB



THE DOXSEE THEATER
232 52nd Street, BK 11220

JUNE 6 - JUNE 23, 2019

LEAD ARTISTS
Leyya Mona Tawil

The Million Underscores

Moe Yousuf

Founding Artistic Director, David Herskovits
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TARGET MARGIN THEATER presents

All We Could Give

a part of the News of the Strange Lab

Concept by Leyya Mona Tawil

Cast

Mehdya Fassi
Ava Mendoza
Mersiha Messiha
Tara Sheena
Leyya Mona Tawil

Composition & Choreography Leyya Mona Tawil

Lighting Designer: Ashley Kok

Poet: Marwa Helal

Additional Music Composition: Ava Mendoza

Audio Engineer: Ian Douglas-Moore

Audio Technician: Matt Coggins

Production Assistant: Micaela Brinsley

Production Manager: Sarah George

Associate Production Manager: Becca Plunkett

Technical Director: Dylan Bartlett

Associate Producer: Frank Nicholas Poon

Production Interns: Micaela Brinsley, Matt Jacobs, Sylvie Nelson,
Ryan Sansiviero, Payson Whitwell

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THE ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS

Mystical, political, and problematic, *The One Thousand and One Nights* are an endlessly complex collection of tales transmitted across countless voices, languages and cultures from South Asia to Iran to the Mediterranean, and now to our space in Sunset Park. These stories entertain, amaze and seduce us, but they also present a real and complicated dramatization of issues facing classical and modern Silk Road cultures—and all human beings. In their most simple expression, they are a collection of stories about storytelling itself, and the ability of the storyteller, like Scheherazade, to change the world. That is all we strive for at Target Margin and we hope our work will speak loudly to all who hear.

David & Moe

Kaplan and David Karnovsky, Frances Kazan, Rohana Kenin Elias-Reyes, Kathy Kermian-Leicht, Sarah Kirschbaum, Elysabeth Kleinhans, Nat Klipper, Diana Konopka, Frances Kumin, Carin Kuoni and John Oakes, Paul Lambert, Douglas Langworthy, Brian Lawlor, Donna Lee & Ray Lohier, Robert and Ellen Leibenluft, Katherine Levin, Ellen Lippman, Simon Lipskar, David Litt, Virginia Loulodes, Sarah Lowe, Robert Lyons, Meg MacCary, Noel MacDuffie, Pam Mackinnon, Kathleen Maroney, Deborah Marton and Nathan Newman, Jane Malmo, Kristin Marting, Mel and Angela Marvin, Barbara Mautino, Kari McCabe, JC and Ann McMath, Nana Mensah, Shira Milikowski, Thomas Molner, Kathleen Moringiello, Siddhartha Mukherjee, William Nabers, Jon Nakagawa, Ed and Alex Napier, Todd Norbitz and Inara Deleon, James O'Neill, Meredith Palin, Anne Parson and Paul Lazar, Paula Peck, Ellen Percman, Wanda Peretz, Mark Pleasant, Rosemary Quinn, Tracy Ranson, Steven Rattazzi, Nigel Redden, Brett Reynolds, Brian Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Frances Rodriguez, Brian Rogers, Irena Rogovsky and Marc Lafia, James Drew Sadek, Amy Sananman & Mauricio Trenard, Tim Sanford, Nahma Sandrow and William Meyers, Greig Sargeant, Jennifer Scott, Aaron Schloff, Leslie Schultz, Harry Price Schwalbe, Marc Segal, Saul Shapiro, Philip Shneidman, Andrew Solomon, Rebecca Sonkin, Ann Spence, Henry F. Steele, William P. Steele, Jeffrey Steinman, Anne Stern, Paul and Janet Stoler, Henry Stram, Maria Striar, Martin Thomas, Raphael Nash Thompson, Don Ting, Craig Tooman, Amy Tully, Union Square Hospitality Group, Matthew Viederman, Leslie Weber and Christopher Howard, Jay Wegman and Stephen Facey, Kay Walker, Jacob M. Weisberg, Michael Wetstone and Emily Sachs, Winston & Strawn, Barbara Wohlson, Alexi and Erika Belsey Worth, Sandi and Chris Wright, Ben Yalom, John Young, Karie Youngdahl and Seth Magalaner, Paul Zimet & Ellen Maddow, Moe Yousuf, Gregory Zorthian.

Collaborators (up to \$99)

Nic Adams, Avi Amon, Amy Appleton, Martin and Tina Barron, Judith Bassin, Leonie Bell, Elise Bernhardt, Roberta Blotner, Alexandra Borinsky, Enoch Brater, Barbara Browning, Adam Burnett, John Burt, Tyler Caffall, Philip Carrubba, Eileen Casterline, Aysan Celik, Linda Cullinan, Charles Dische, Lane Dombois, Sophie Donelson, Tanya Elder, Amanda Feldman, Dan Fennessey, Kyle Fletcher, Jesse Freedman, Michael Gardner, Harry Geaneotes, Elizabeth Giamatti, Melissa Givey, Avi Glickstein, Rosalind Grush, Miriam Habib, Ayun Halliday and Greg Kotis, Martin Hason, Megan Hill, Lian-Marie Holmes, Sarah Hughes, Yehuda Hyman, Carolyn Christie-Irvine, E.A. Johnson, Peter Judd, Kathleen Kell, Sibyl Kempson, John Kurzynowski, Lall Kwatra, Michael Levinton, Mary Madigan, Kate Marvin, Randolph Miles, Chiori Miyagawa, Elizabeth Moseman, Edward O'Brien, Jacqueline Pompei, Amber Power, Richard Price, Gordon Rogoff, Natalie Robin, Tami Salz, Cara Scarmack, Jane Scoville, Dara Seitzman, Martha Sherman, Juan Pablo Siles, David Skeist, Sarah Cameron Sunde, Jaynie Saunders Tiller, Virlana Tkacz, Janice Towers, Cheryl Tucker, Lacey Tucker, Sugar Vendil, Sophie Weber, Lily Whitsitt, Dennis Yueh-Yeh Li, Theodore Zambetti.

Richard Foreman and Kate Manheim, Tom Freudenheim, James Friedman, Elinor Fuchs, Rhonda Garelick, Johanna and Leslie Garfield, Ben George, Joan Glickstein, Goldman-Sachs, James Gould, Nan Graham, James Graves, Mark Greenfield, David Greenspan & William Kennon, Elizabeth Grossman, Fred Hannaham Jr., John Hart and Ruth Lande, Victoria Hart, Kristin Hattiangadi, Alexes Hazen, Elizabeth Healy, Barry Hoggard & James Wagner, Gerald Homan, Curt Hostetter and Hoffs Steingrimsdottir, Virginia Hubbell, Owen and Nancy Hughes, David and Kathryn Hwang, Stephen Hirsh, Sarah Holbrook, Joseph Isler, Penny Jackson, Jessie Janowitz and Eddie Fishman, Junho Lee, Susan Jang and Kenneth Lee, Julia Jarcho, Amy Jedlicka, Morgan Jenness, Alan Johnson & Anne Kuite, Amy Kalm, Zachary Karabell, Sue

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Innovators (\$1000 - \$4,999)

Eleanor Alger, Nicole Alger, Anonymous. Jonathan Bank, Hugo Bareca, Homi and Jacqueline Bhabha, Geoffrey Brackett and Danyelle Means, Sean Buffington, Kathleen Campana and James Gladstone, Thomas and Deborah Cabaniss, Marvin and Patricia Carlson, James Cramer and Lisa Detwiler, Ankur Crawford, Douglass Curtis, Buzz Doherty, Bridget Elias and Townsend Davis, Una Elias, Ben Feldman, Judith Ginsberg & Paul LeClerc, Cynthia Godsoe, Jennifer Goodale and Mark Russell, Rob and Allison Grigg, Rinne Groff and David Becker, Goetz Grossman & Colette Smith, Trevor Gureckis & Sugar Vendil, Phyllis Herskovits, Joseph Hollander, Peggy and Scott Kalb, Philip Kearns, Isabelle Kimpton, Marcia Kimpton, Thomas Lee, Hal Liebes, Cynthia Loewy, Donna Manion, Agnes Marton, Michael Marton, Jan Mittan, The Nature Conservatory, Natalie Neubert, Janet Olshansnick, Tea Zegarac Pollock, Tatiana Pouschine, Rafferty Capital Markets LLC, Kathleen Randall and Richard Ray, Rachel Ratner and Richard Greenspan, Douglas Reigeluth, Steven Rissman, Sydney Rosenkranz, June Rosner, Mark Rossier, Constance Sargent, Christopher Sarkis, Jorian Schutz, Diana Son, Rod and Melissa Spiegel, Jim Tambone, Tracy Weller, Sandra Wertheimer and Jeremy Primer, Victor Ugolyn, Kara Walker, Susan Whoriskey, Sharon and Michael Zambrelli.

Experimenters (\$100 - \$999)

Sandra Abramson, Peter Ackerman, Alicia Janette Andrews, Anonymous, Reagan Arthur, Ann Ambruster and Darren Lew, Kerith Aronow, Lynne Avadenka, Charles Baird, Manu Bammi, Matthew Bardin, Jessica Bauman and Ben Posel, Mark and Ann Belsey, Eliza Bent, Susan Bernfield and Claude Millman, Alvin Block, Roberta Blotman, David and Amy Blumberg, Eric Bodner, Norman Boyd, Colette Brooks, Leonard and Joanne Brumberg, Vince Bruns, Theresa Buchheister, Paula Campos, Andrew Caso, Roger Cheever, Simon and Andrea Yaryura Clark, Emily Cohen, Jesse Cohen and Jennifer Sheridan, Everett Cox, Brian Crawley, Jack Cummings III, Nathan Darrow and Susan Hyon, Gilbert Frank De Biasi, Marybeth Del Gaudio and Barry Walsh, Kate de Zengotita, Tara Dolan, Elizabeth and David Dorr, Lenore Doxsee, Linda Earle, Tracy and Robert Egan, Helen Egger, Jon Emmet, David Estrada & Aimee Davis, Amy Feinstein, Daniel Fish, Mary Fleischer, Stephanie Fleischmann, Helene and Duncan Foley,

CREATIVE TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

Dylan Bartlett (Technical Director) is a student at Five Towns College, Studying Technical Theater with a concentration in Technical Direction. Some of his past credits include: *Spring Awakening*, *Next to Normal*, *Evita*, and *Fun Home*, to name a few. He is currently working with multiple companies around Long Island and Brooklyn and is excited to be able to work with Target Margin Theater. Looking into the future, he is eager for any new opportunities to arise.

Matt Coggins (Sound Engineer) is a sound designer and engineer, musician, and comedian hailing from Flint, Michigan. He has worked with The Acting Company (NYC), Flint Repertory Theatre (Flint, MI), Music Theatre Heritage (Kansas City), and more. He is a Sound/Video Supervisor for Columbia University Theatre. mattcoggins.com

Ian Douglas-Moore (Sound Designer) is a musician and sound engineer living in New York. His music uses guitar and electronics to examine the textures of resonant sounds engaging with acoustic space. From 2010 to 2016 he lived in Berlin, working at the arts space ausland and playing with musicians and artists like Pär Thörn and Paul Roth. In New York, he improvises and plays with Gold Dime and David First's Western Enisphere ensemble. Recent work as Sound Designer or Engineer include Lime Rickey International's "Future Faith," Annie Dorsen's "The Slow Room," and Lauren Bakst's "More Problems with Form."

Liz English (General Manager) is a creative producer, arts manager and dramaturg. Her artistic practice blends new play development, production and curation. Most recently before joining Target Margin, she was Managing Director at Altarena Playhouse in the Bay Area. She co-founded the Brooklyn-based performance collective, A Collection of Shiny Objects. She has produced work with WP Theater, terraNova Collective, Ars Nova, REDCAT, Son of Semele Theater, Highways Performance Space, and has presented at the Edinburgh Fringe, FringeNYC and the Hollywood Fringe. Liz was a member of the Producers Lab at WP Theater; BS in Theatre, Northwestern University, MFA in Producing, CalArts.

Mehdya Fassi (Performer) is a Moroccan, New York-based storyteller, actress, director. She is on an identity journey and hopes to learn dancing like nobody's watching. Mehdy studied at HB Studio and holds a BA in Theater from l'Ecole du Jeu, Paris. Credits include La Bellevilloise, Le 104, The New Ohio Theater, The Brooklyn Museum, Target Margin, Manhattan Rep and Dixon Place.

Sarah George (Production Manager) is a freelance producer, production manager and occasional props designer. She served as the managing director of Thicket & Thistle from 2014-2018

and produced/designed their musicals, *What's Your Wish?* (NYMF 2018, TNNY 2017, Access Theater 2016, Fringe NYC 2015) and *Death Cruise* (Loading Dock Theater Co, 2017). Recent Off-Broadway: *Plano* (APM), *Sakina's Restaurant* (APM, Minetta Lane). NYC: *Whirlwind* (Assoc. Producer/Props Design, Wild Project), *SPACEMAN* (Line Producer, Wild Project), *The Waterman* (Producer/Props, Ars Nova ANT Fest 2016). Sarah is excited to production manage both Target Margin Theater's Lab series and Clubbed Thumb's Summerworks series this summer!

Marwa Helal (Poet) is the author of *Invasive Species* (Nightboat Books, 2019) and winner of BOMB Magazine's Biennial 2016 Poetry Contest. Born in Al Mansurah, Egypt, she currently lives in Brooklyn, New York.

David Herskovits (Artistic Director) is the Founding Artistic Director of Target Margin Theater. He has directed dozens of plays and operas for TMT and other theaters and festivals all over. He has been happily dramatizing sections of *The One Thousand and One Nights* for a couple years now, and looks forward to continuing that work next season.

Ashley L. Kok (Lighting Designer) is a lighting designer from Flint, Michigan, and a graduate of The University of Missouri-Kansas City (MFA). Previous designs include: *Freedom Summer* at KC Rep/UMKC Theatre, *Stupid Fucking Bird* at the Unicorn Theatre, *A Lie of the Mind* at the Kansas City Actors Theatre, *Rodelinda* at the University of Missouri Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance.

Ava Mendoza (Performer / Composer) is a Brooklyn-based guitarist, singer, songwriter and composer. Born in 1983, she started performing her own music, and as a sidewoman and collaborator in many different projects, as soon as she was old enough to get into 18+ venues. As a guitarist, Mendoza has received acclaim for her technique and viscerality. Her most ongoing work is as leader of experimental rock band Unnatural Ways, and as a solo performer on guitar/voice. In any context she is committed to bringing expressivity, energy and a wide sonic range to the music. Mendoza has toured throughout the U.S. and Europe and recorded or performed with musicians including Carla Bozulich, Fred Frith, Mick Barr, Nels Cline, Jamaaladeen Tacuma, Mike Watt, Matana Roberts, Ikue Mori, Matt Mitchell, Adele Bertei, William Hooker, Jon Irabagon, members of Caroliner, the Violent Femmes, and more. Recordings are available on labels Tzadik, Weird Forest, Clean Feed, NotTwo, Resipiscent, and New Atlantis.

Mersiha Messiha (Performer) is a Bosnian/Swedish/American choreographer / performance artist. she is the Artistic Director of Brooklyn-based, CIRCUITDEBRIS, (www.circuitdebris.org) & the Co-Artistic Director of ZVRK, the 1st International Dance/Performance & Interdisciplinary Art Festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Becca Plunkett (Associate Production Manager) is a theatre-maker from Austin, Texas. She is a writer, director and technician, as well as a maker of short films, music, and found-object art installations. She holds an MFA in Playwriting from Columbia University, and was a resident artist at the Rhodopi International Theatre Laboratory in Smolyan, Bulgaria, where she studied performance traditions such as Khatakali, Kabuki, Comedia, and Peking Opera. Becca has worked on a conglomeration of productions, in a conglomeration of roles, in a conglomeration of countries. She is thrilled to add Associate

Production Manager for the *News of the Strange Lab* Series to the mix.

Frank Nicholas Poon (Associate Producer) is a New York-based, American-Asian performer, writer, producer in both realms of theatre & film with nationally-featured work, and is the Managing Producer of Token Collective: advocating for diversity in all platforms. He has worked with Pan Asian Repertory Theatre, National Asian Artist Project, En Garde Arts, International WOW Company, Columbia University, Scandinavian American Theater Company, and Astoria Performing Arts Center. Currently, he's an Arts Management Fellow at Target Margin Theater. Upcoming: *Jazz Singer*. Sept/Oct 2019 at Abrons Arts Center. @franknpoon

Tara Sheena (Performer) is a dancer, writer and producer based in Brooklyn, NY. As a performer, she is involved in upcoming projects with Catherine Galasso, Nadia Tykulska, and Ivy Baldwin. Recently, she has performed in works by Gillian Walsh, Lindsey Dietz Marchant, stormy budwig, and Faye Driscoll for the forthcoming film, *Shirley*. Born in Detroit to a Chaldean father and Jewish mother, she grew up mostly in southeast Michigan. In 2011, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a BFA in Dance and BA in English. She is grateful to be here.

Leyya Mona Tawil (Lead Artist / Performer) also known as Lime Rickey International, is an artist working with dance, sound and performance art practices. Leyya is a Syrian, Palestinian, American engaged in the world as such. Her 23-year record of compositions and performance scores have toured throughout the US, Europe and the Arab world; highlights include Irtijal18 (Beirut), After the Last Sky Festival (Berlin), TransDance Festival (Cairo), New York Live Arts/Live Ideas 2016 (NYC), Saari Fellowship 2018 (Finland) and the commissioned premiere of Lime Rickey International's *Future Faith* for Abrons Arts Center. Tawil is the director of DANCE ELIXIR and Arab.AMP.

Moe Yousuf (Associate Artistic Director) is a Pakistani-American theater maker and Arts Manager. Previously, he was the Managing Director of the Abrons Arts Center, and has worked with Henry Street Settlement, Signature Theatre and The Foundry Theatre. He has presented work at PRELUDE, The Bushwick Starr, SoHo Rep Walkerspace, Dixon Place, Co-Prosperity Sphere, and Rubber Rep Pilot Ballon. He has also sat on panels / advisory groups for the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, the New York State Council on the Arts, WP Theater, and HERE Arts Center. He is a Board Member of the Alliance of Resident Theatres / New York (ART/NY) and holds a MFA in Dramatic Writing from NYU.

THE POET SAYS

A Musical Composition and Graphic Score
by Deepali Gupta



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