

Where the play's wisdom ends, audiences' wisdom begins... Teesri Duniya Theatre links art to civic dialogue to build cultural bridges and to increase interaction among cultures. Join our post-play dialogues on issues arising from the play and raise new questions.

Friday, September 11, 2009 (following the 8:30pm show)

Self-defense or an Invasion?

Is the invasion of Iraq a legitimate response to the horrific events of 9/11, 2001 or was it a continuum of an undeclared war through successive US administrations? Was it a "war on terror" or "war of aggression"? What role has Canada played? Our panelists discuss issues behind the issues.

Panelists: **Raymond Legault** (Collectif Échec à la guerre), **Omar Dewachi** (Iraqi-Canadian, Anthropologist and musician), **Louis Roy** (Vice president, Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN)), **Jooneed Khan** (Journalist, Human Right activist)

Moderator: **Robert Stewart**

Sunday, September 13, 2009 (following the 2pm show)

Condition of Women since the War

The coalition against terrorism claimed that military intervention was necessary to liberate women from oppression. Has there been any progress in the status of women, or has appropriating women's oppression been the ploy to further oppress them? Based on gender balance sheet of the invasion, our panel discusses issues related to women under war.

Panelists: **Martine Eloy** (Collectif Échec à la guerre), **Dr. Sawsan Abdul Majid** (Iraqi-Canadian, University of Ottawa) **Kiran Omar** (Pakistani Canadian, Human right activist), **Shahzad Arshadi** (Iranian-Canadian film maker)

Moderator: **Jaswant Guzder**

Saturday, September 19, 2009 (following the 2pm show)

War against Terrorism or Terrorism of War?

By default, all arts today are being created in times of war. Can arts be a tool to counter terrorism? Local artists discuss how artists should respond to historical crisis and what is possible through arts in times of war...

Panelists: **Rahul Varma** (Indo-Canadian, playwright), **Pierre Jasmin** (president/Artists for Peace and Pugwash member) **Nasrin Himada** (Palestinian-Canadian, researcher and writer), **Ehab Lotayef** (Egyptian Canadian, poet, activist)

Moderator: **Stéphanie Lambert**

Note that the panelists may be subject to change.

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