

## **CTW Presents “Muslim Voices” With Support From Toledo Community Foundation**

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Children’s Theatre Workshop (CTW), in partnership with Welcome Toledo-Lucas County, is preparing for their production of “Muslim Voices,” a series of short plays that feature the experiences of young Muslims in America.

CTW received a grant of \$2,400 from the Toledo Community Foundation’s Fund for Islamic Understanding, Education, and Dialog to present “Muslim Voices.” Grants from this fund are awarded to support projects, programs or services that provide educational opportunities that promote a greater understanding of Muslims and the Islamic faith.

CTW will present “Ten Years Test,” and “Fast Friends,” two of the plays in the “Muslim Voices” repertoire, originally written and performed by the Brooklyn Children’s Theatre in New York. “Ten Years Test” is based on the true story of how Eid became an officially recognized holiday in New York through the efforts of Muslim students and their supporters. In “Fast Friends,” Muslim children observe Ramadan for the first time, and their non-Muslim classmates learn about its origins and find ways to celebrate Ramadan through charity work and giving.

“As theatre educators, we know we have a responsibility to use our skills to amplify the stories of people who don’t often see themselves represented. Telling these stories in this way is an exciting opportunity to help establish a space for these artists in Toledo,” says CTW Executive Artistic Director Aimee Reid.

Auditions for “Muslim Voices” will be in April 2019. The cast will feature Muslim and non-Muslim children ages 10+, as well as adults, with some singing and dancing in each play. Thanks to the support from TCF and Welcome Toledo-Lucas County, this program will be completely free for all participants, including audiences. Performances will be in June 2019.

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Audition information will be posted on CTW’s Facebook page and website, [www.ctwtoledo.org](http://www.ctwtoledo.org). For additional information, contact the CTW office at [office@ctwtoledo.org](mailto:office@ctwtoledo.org) or call at 419-244-5061.

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