

Press release

## New theatre play put faces to Palestinian displacement

The theatre play *Meramieh* explores human destinies behind the Palestinian displacement of 1948. The play premieres November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bethlehem and will then tour the West Bank.

In the hearts of Palestinians, the nostalgia of their lost homeland boils in the same way that *Meramieh* sage boils on fire.

Hence the title of a new theatre play, *Meremiah*, about two Palestinians who dream of returning to the homes they were expelled from during the displacement of 1948, also known as al-Nakba.

*Meremiah* premieres Thursday, the 2nd of November, 2017, at 6:00pm, at the President Putin Palestinian Organization for Culture and Economy, at the Putin Circle in front of the Court of Bethlehem, in Bethlehem.

The play is in Arabic, with English subtitles.

*Meramieh* is directed by Mirna Sakhleh and performed by Faten Khoury and Nicola Zreineh. The play is produced by Marina Barham, Al-Harah Theater, in partnership with The Danish House in Palestine.

The play is based on Dr. Faiha Abdulhadi's book *Living Memories*, which includes testimonies from Palestinians who experienced the displacement of 1948. The book was published earlier this year by Palestinian research institution Al-Rowat and the Danish House.

Since 2012, Al-Rowat has collected more than a hundred oral testimonies from Palestinians who experienced the displacement of 1948. Six of these testimonies are included in the book and have provided inspiration for the *Meremiah* play.

In November and December, the play will be performed in English and Arabic across the West Bank.

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