

The Freedom Theatre  
Acting School



Presents:

# Animal Farm

Opening  
23/03/09  
@14.00



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## Animal Farm

The Freedom Theatre is proud to present its young acting students' very first in-house production; The Animal Farm, an adaptation of the book written by George Orwell.

The Animal Farm tells the story of a farm where the animals revolt and overthrow the human owner to set the farm up as a commune in which, at first, all animals are equal; however, class and status disparities soon emerge between the animals and the commune's ideologies are manipulated and twisted by those in positions of power.

With the focal point of The Animal Farm evolving around the corrupting force of power, The Freedom Theatre's adaptation also connects it closely to social and political issues which are of great concern for the Palestinian population. It gives a unique perspective on current events and allows the audience to reflect critically on their own reality in relation to at once different and similar circumstances. As such, staging this play emphasises the importance of contemporary art, critical approaches and freedom of speech, and brings out the potential of theatre in generating social change.

The Animal Farm is produced and performed by the students in The Freedom Theatre's three-year professional Theatre School; the only such theatre training programme in the northern part of Occupied Palestine. The play is mainly targeted towards youth but is suitable and enjoyable for all ages.



## Actors

Faysal Abu Alheja  
Eyad Hourani  
Rami Hweel  
Dana Jarrar  
Batoul Taleb  
Qais Assaadi  
Rabe'a Tukman  
Haroun Alrasheed  
Mo'men Sweitat  
Ahmad Alrokh  
Zina Zaarour





### Directed by

Nabeel Alraee  
Micaela Miranda

### Decor

Ahmad Matahen

### Light

Mohammad Assaadi

### Sound

Moataz Alnorsi

### Stage Manager

Sami Assaadi

### Decor Assistant

Ahmad Assaadi  
Sharaf Assaadi



## The Freedom Theatre

The Freedom Theatre is a community-based theatre and cultural centre located in Jenin Refugee Camp in the northern part of Occupied Palestine. Jenin Camp, originally set up in 1953 and run by the UNRWA, today houses approximately 16,000 Palestinian refugees, almost half of which are estimated to be below 18 years of age.

In this area, among the most hardly hit by the Israeli occupation, children and youth grow up amidst a seemingly endless cycle of violence and oppression and many are deeply traumatised. Frustration, despair and humiliation often translate into domestic violence and social oppression as the occupation continues to destroy the young generation's sense of self, their confidence and their ability to imagine alternative realities.

In an effort to counter this negative development, The Freedom Theatre is developing a unique programme of activities in theatre, arts and multimedia to provide the girls and boys of Jenin Refugee Camp with a space in which they can equally and safely express themselves, imagine other realities and challenge existing social and cultural barriers.

In September 2008, The Freedom Theatre launched its Theatre School; a three-year professional theatre training programme. In addition to increasing the educational and professional opportunities available to youth, the programme aims to raise both the quantity and quality of theatre and performing arts in the area. Through a diverse study programme students develop not only acting skills but also their communication and presentation skills, and their ability to think and act freely and creatively. Such skills can enable the students to become leading actors, not only on stage, but also in their society.

## Performance Schedule

23/03/2009 at 14.00 (Opening)

24/03/2009 at 14.00

25/03/2009 at 12.00

26/03/2009 at 15.00

28/03/2009 at 12.00



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