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**THE DOMESTIC CRUSADERS**

A landmark Muslim American play premiering on 9-11-09

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In honor of the anniversary of September 11, the Nuyorican Poets Café and Before Columbus Foundation present "The Domestic Crusaders," a two-act drama written by acclaimed Pakistani-American playwright, Wajahat Ali.

**When:** Friday, September 11, 2009 through Sunday, October 11, 2009  
Curtain times: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:00 pm and Sunday, 3:00 pm  
Final Preview, Thursday, September 10, 7:00 pm

**Where:** The Nuyorican Poets Café, 236 E. 3rd St., NY

**Tickets:** \$20 general admission; \$15 for advance ticket purchases, students and senior citizens.

For reservations call: (212) 465-3167 or (212) 780-9386

Purchase tickets online through the Nuyorican Poets Café: [GET TICKETS](#)

**What the critics are saying about *The Domestic Crusaders*:**

- "From the deft irony of its title to the tender pain of its ending, "***The Domestic Crusaders***" is a moving story of one Pakistani family in America. But it's more than that. By engaging us in the family's conflicts, loves, fears and secrets, the play dissolves the easy assumptions and prejudices of the post 9/11 west. Touching; funny; important."  
— *BBC World, Harriett Gilbert, presenter The Word, BBC World Service*
- "***The Domestic Crusaders***" is what all high art aspires to do — spotlight complicated truths (and contradictions) without offering easy answers...one of the first major Muslim-American plays"  
— *San Francisco Chronicle, Jon Curriel*
- "The only play of its kind, "***Domestic Crusaders***" offers a fresh take on the family drama while demystifying that tense terrain between 'us' and 'them.' A true theatrical breakthrough."  
— *Newsweek's Lorraine Ali*
- "***The Domestic Crusaders***" is exactly the sort of theater we need today. The gulf that separates cultures must be bridged and Art is one of our best hopes. I'll be supporting this all the way - please join me and Wajahat in building this bridge!"  
— *Emma Thompson, Academy Award winning actress and screenwriter*
- "Wajahat Ali is a major new voice in American literature. "***The Domestic Crusaders***" is to Muslim American theater what "***A Raisin in the Sun***" is to African American theater."  
— *Pulitzer Prize nominated author Mitch Berman*

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**Play Synopsis:**

**The Domestic Crusaders** is an authentic, revelatory, no-holds barred depiction of a contemporary Pakistani-American Muslim family. In this post 9-11 world, humor, tensions and sparks fly among three generations of family members culminating in an intense family battle. Each “crusader” struggles to assert and impose their respective voice, while trying to maintain and understand the unifying thread that makes them part of the same family.

This fully staged production is directed by Carla Blank, co-produced by Rome Neal and Ishmael Reed, and presented by the Nuyorican Poets Café and Before Columbus Foundation. The cast includes South Asian American actors: Adeel Ahmed, Kamran Khan, Imran Javaid, Monisha Shiva, Nidhi Singh and Abbas Zaidi

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