



## “The Space Between”

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**IDEA <----- (Sundance) -----> PRODUCTION**

### OUR VALUES

- Storytelling is universal
- Sundance supports fresh and independent voices from the world’s individual & collaborative storytellers
- Sundance believes that these voices are invaluable to healthy societies
- The Sundance Institute Theatre Program works in “the space in-between” an artist’s idea and a project’s realization as well as opening up new spaces of aesthetic, cultural and geographic exploration
- The Theatre Program provides peer-to-peer, artist-driven, artist-to-artist mentorship and exchange rooted in a process of artistic inquiry and exploration
- The Theatre Program activities create a safe space and community within which independent artists can rigorously explore and deepen the animating impulse of their creative projects
- Theatre Program activities take place in retreat settings of creativity-nurturing beauty

### OUR GOALS IN THE MIDDLE EAST & NORTH AFRICA

- To promote independent artists from the U.S. and the MENA region to explore and deepen their creative exchange
- To support the development of new work in Arabic, as well as other applicable languages
- To engage US and MENA artists and their respective artistic communities in innovative and transformative ways
- To lay the groundwork for sustainable connections amongst artists across time and distance
- To break through isolation and lack of exposure and gain a deeper understanding of our complexities
- To respond to the historical lack of exchange between the US and the MENA region
- To create alternatives to governmental and media representation of our respective communities

### OUR CONTEXT

- Sundance Institute operates in the US as an independent institution
- Internationally, we continue to work independently of US government or any other institutional goals and mandates
- Funding for Sundance Institute Theatre Program US and international activities comes from diverse sources (including US Embassy travel funds) and includes foundations, corporate and individual donors. A list of Sundance Institute donors can be found on our website