

PALESTINE: Beautiful Resistance

Aida refugee camp in Occupied Palestine is, at first glance, a very unhappy place.

Filled with displaced families expelled in 1948, plagued with an unemployment rate of 77% and a poverty rate of over 80%, Aida is almost completely surrounded by Israel's wall. Children have no fields to play in any more, but only bleak streets and alleys. Forced to spend each day under harsh military rule, the people of Aida live in the kind of desperation that, all over the world, continually feeds the cycle of violence.

In Aida, however, one courageous man is determined to make a difference and forge a path of hope. He is **ABDUL FATTAH ABU SROUR**, and he is the director of **Al Rowwad: Pioneers for Life**, a world-renowned theatre and creative arts society.

Al Rowwad's mission is to use art, theatre, and music as a creative alternative to destructive violence. The organization seeks to educate and empower the Palestinian people, especially women and children who struggle against despair, to fight dehumanizing stereotypes of the Palestinians in the mass media in Europe and America, and to promote long-term social transformation. Established in 1998, its theatre company has toured the world and its educational and medical outreach programs have benefited countless families in the West Bank. **Al Rowwad is truly a ray of hope in a deeply troubled place and time.**

Please join us for a special presentation by Mr. Abu Srou, introduced by Professor Adrien Wing, UI School of Law

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Iowa City Public Library

Meeting Room A

This event is brought to you by People for Justice in Palestine; Friends of Sabeel, Iowa City; The University of Iowa Center for Human Rights; St. Raphael's Church, Iowa City; Intergenre Explorations Working Group; Obermann Center for Advanced Studies; and Peace Iowa.

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