

More Alike Than Not:

*Stories from Three Americans —
Catholic, Jewish and Muslim*

More Alike Than Not is an original story performance piece written and performed by storytellers **Gerald Fierst, Arif Choudhury** and **Susan O'Halloran**.

This original performance unfolds a "real life-story tapestry" of traditional, personal and sacred stories illuminating the experience of being an American in a time of religious tension and change.



— The Storytellers —

Gerald Fierst is a performer, writer, and teacher, who has appeared throughout the U.S., England, and Asia telling original, Jewish and world folklore stories as well as leading workshops for teachers and students in writing and performance. Fierst began his theatrical career at Yale and is a recipient of a New Jersey State Council Fellowship in Playwriting for his musical *Dancing With Miracles* based on Yaffa Eliach's Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust. Fierst has also done voice-overs for animation, worked in television including the daytime drama, *As the World Turns*, and the children's classic, *Romper Room*. He has acted in feature films including *Roll Over*, *Trading Places*, and *Kidnapped* and performed twice at the National Storytelling Festival. You can contact Gerry at: www.geralfierst.com

Susan O'Halloran is a writer, performing artist, corporate consultant, television personality and keynote speaker whose stories explore the complex issues of social justice. Susan is author of a diversity curriculum, four books of fables and producer of video and films including *Tribes & Bridges at the Steppenwolf Theatre*. *The Chicago Reader* says O'Halloran "has mastered the Irish art of telling stories that are funny and heart-wrenching at the same time" but her best endorsements come from her audiences: "Sue opened our minds to a much broader view of why society excludes or includes different groups and energized us to deepen our commitment to transforming our world!" Susan was featured at the National Storytelling Festival in 1996 and 2004 and as a National Storytelling Network keynote speaker in 2003. She lives in Evanston, Illinois and can also be found at: www.susanohalloran.com

Arif Choudhury is a Bangladeshi-American Muslim storyteller, filmmaker and stand-up comic. He tells humorous stories of growing up in the only Bangladeshi-Muslim immigrant family in north suburban Chicago. Focusing on issues of ethnic and religious identity, assimilation, multiculturalism and diversity, he finds the humor in how we think about and relate to one another. When Arif isn't performing he is shooting documentary films and working as the Managing Partner of Endeavor Accounting, an accounting firm that specializes in tax preparation, tax planning, and small business consulting. Arif currently lives in Northbrook, Illinois.

More Alike Than Not: Stories from Three Americans – Catholic, Jewish and Muslim is sponsored by Angels Studio, a Chicago ministry of the Society of the Divine Word dedicated to bringing the races together.

*Pictured from top to bottom:
Gerald Fierst, Susan O'Halloran
and Arif Choudhury.*



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