



MISSOURI PLAYWRIGHT'S WORKSHOP

David Crespy, *Artistic Director* • 249 Fine Arts Building • Columbia, MO 65211 • (573) 882-0535

Presents

YENI CAMII:

EL EXTASIS DE SABBATAI SEVI

A Play About Dönme And Their World of Old Salonica

A workshop reading of a new play By David A. Crespy

SYNOPSIS: This play, performed in a cold reading, featuring actors from Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece, conflates the Yeni Camii, the New Mosque of the Dönme of Thessaloniki past with that of its haunted present – An artist and his friends are preparing the space for an exhibition featuring paintings of the Sephirot, which as they haphazardly practice a Kabbalistic ritual, open a whirlwind of past, present, and future, from which they cannot escape. They find themselves at crucial moments in the life of Sabbatai Sevi and the history of the Donme, the moments of his initiation into his messianic career—touching briefly upon the more recent events of the rise of the Turkish State, with a guest appearance by Attaturk.

Featuring actors from Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 11:30AM

MEET US

AT: <https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/4789393847>.

Free and Open to the Public

Feel free to bring a friend.

For more information contact:

Dr. David A. Crespy, Artistic Director (crespyd@missouri.edu)
Talia Gritzmacher, Managing Director (tgg2dp@mail.missouri.edu)

A program of the University of Missouri-Columbia Department of Theatre