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## **SHE WHO TELLS A STORY:**

### **An Evening of Performance Inspired by the Rawiya Collective**

**Brooklyn, NY – April 29, 2016** – THE CREATORS COLLECTIVE presents *SHE WHO TELLS A STORY: An Evening of Performance Inspired by the Rawiya Collective* at Open Source Gallery in South Slope, Brooklyn on Saturday, May 21, 2016 at 8pm. Free with a \$10 suggested donation.

Rawiya – the first Middle Eastern female photography collective – *presents In Her Absence I Created Her Image*, an exhibit of documentary photography at Open Source Gallery, exploring the lives of communities and individuals in the Middle East, focusing on social, political and human rights issues across Arab countries. In collaboration with Open Source Gallery, and inspired by Rawiya, THE CREATORS COLLECTIVE presents a series of performances from dance and theater artists at the gallery, immersed in the exhibit's photos.

The works performed are inspired by the photographs in the exhibit, the meaning of Rawiya which is “she who tells a story” or the Rawiya Collective’s goal of dispelling stereotypes to encourage a more compassionate and empathetic worldview.

Performing artists include: dance and poetry duo Nia Shand and Ness White, theater artist Sarah Traisman, dance duo Suku Dance Lab, spoken word artist Mimi Martin, and choreographers Nasrene Haj, Rebekka Nodhurft and Samsam Yung.

The exhibit opens Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and remains up through Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to this performance, Open Source Gallery will host a panel discussion on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm.

More info: [thecreatorscollective.org/rawiya/](http://thecreatorscollective.org/rawiya/)

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Open Source Gallery: [open-source-gallery.org/rawiya/](http://open-source-gallery.org/rawiya/)

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