



**BOND STREET
THEATRE**

Peacebuilding,
empowerment and healing
through theatre



From happier times, our excellent women's theatre group presenting "Rights Are Not Given, They Are Taken" about women's struggle for equality. We hope for happier times ahead.

Greetings!

At Bond Street Theatre, we are committed to building lifelong partnerships with artists across the world - from **Afghanistan**, where we've worked for 18 years, to **South Africa**, where we began working in 2021.

The current crisis in Afghanistan continues to break our hearts, but thanks to your support, we continue to send **\$200-300 each month** to artists and others who lost jobs and remain in hiding from the Taliban. Your help is providing them with basic necessities: food, rent, clothing, and job training for women and their families, and those in refugee camps in neighboring countries.

Words of thanks from a dear Afghan friend...

"I don't have words to thank you and all supporters of BST. I remember when I was young and a student in a refugee school in Pakistan, BST was supporting kids with performances we were enjoying. Then luckily I joined BST and implemented one of the biggest projects in Afghanistan, which was a great opportunity for me to learn from your experiences..."

Now at this critical time when I am 37 years old, again you and BST supported me. This indicates all these years you and BST did not forget us and always have been beside us. Thank you so much for everything you are doing for us, we will never forget."

-- Name withheld for security, Afghanistan 2022.



A scene from our performances in South Africa, created with youth from Rape Crisis Cape Town Trust.

In the scene above, we meet Taylor and Elethu from Cape Town, South Africa, where we trained youth from the townships to create a play exposing the gaps in understanding between generations and between urban and rural families, especially regarding gender roles and education.

The play reached hundreds of people in the Khayelitsha and Athlone townships, and was followed by insightful post-performance discussions with audiences. Thanks to Together Women Rise for their support!

[See video selections from the performance here!](#)

Current & Upcoming:

- **South Sudan:** As you read this, the Bond Street team is working with Likikiri Collective in Juba on youth leadership through theatre.
- **Ukraine:** In March, we will be working with Art Prostir Gamak and Teatr Zoloti Vorota on a program encouraging civic engagement by youth.
- **USA:** The BST Youth team continues to hold entertaining and healing workshops for Afghan refugee children right here in the US!

With gratitude,
the Bond Street Theatre family

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