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## **Theatre Communications Group Announces Book Expo Signings** *Featured authors include Tony Kushner and creators of The Band's Visit*

New York, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to feature signings with TCG Books authors at the upcoming **Book Expo 2018**, held at the Javits Center, New York City from May 30-June 1. On Friday, June 1, **Tony Kushner** will be signing limited hardback editions of *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes*, from 12:00-1:00pm. Also on Friday, **David Yazbek and Itamar Moses** will sign copies of their new musical, *The Band's Visit*, which was just published by TCG Books after receiving 11 Tony Award nominations. All book signings can be found at booth #2823B.

**Tony Kushner's** new edition of *Angels in America* has been published with the author's recent changes and a new introduction in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of its original production. One of the most honored American plays in history, *Angels in America* was awarded two Tony Awards for Best Play and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It was made into an Emmy Award-winning HBO film directed by Mike Nichols. This two-part epic, subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," has received hundreds of performances worldwide in more than twenty-six languages.

Called "one of the most ravishing musicals you will ever be seduced by," by the *New York Times*, **David Yazbek and Itamar Moses's** *The Band's Visit* was nominated for 11 Tony Awards. Based on a screenplay by Eran Kolirin, the play follows Dina, a local café owner in an Israeli desert town who has long ago given her desires for romance to daydreaming about exotic films and music from her youth. When a band of Egyptian musicians show up lost at her café, she and her fellow locals take them in for the night. As their lives intertwine in unexpected ways, this once sleepy town begins to wake up. Said the *Wall Street Journal*, "If you've been feeling oppressed of late by the relentless rigors of reality, I can't think of a better cure for what ails you than the sweet hopefulness of *The Band's Visit*. It's downright therapeutic."

To learn more about the Book Expo 2018, please go [here](#). Learn more about TCG Books [here](#).

For over 55 years, **Theatre Communications Group** (TCG), the national organization for U.S. theatre, has existed to strengthen, nurture, and promote the professional not-for-profit theatre. TCG's constituency has grown from a handful of groundbreaking theatres to over 700 member theatres and affiliate organizations and more than 12,000 individuals nationwide. TCG offers its members networking and knowledge-building opportunities through conferences, events, research, and communications; awards grants, approximately \$2 million per year, to theatre companies and individual artists; advocates on the federal level; and through the Global Theater Initiative, TCG's partnership with the Laboratory for Global Performance and Politics, serves as the U.S. Center of the International Theatre Institute. TCG is North America's largest independent publisher of dramatic literature, with 16 Pulitzer Prizes for Best Play on the TCG booklist. It also publishes the award-winning *American Theatre* magazine and ARTSEARCH®, the essential source for a career in the arts. In all of its endeavors, TCG seeks to increase the organizational efficiency of its Member Theatres, cultivate and celebrate the artistic talent and achievements of the field, and promote a larger public understanding of, and appreciation for, the theatre. [www.tcg.org](http://www.tcg.org).

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