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St. Paul, MN, April 15, 2019 — Mizna is proud to announce the release its our latest issue of *Mizna: Prose, Poetry, and Art Exploring Arab America*.

Mizna: The Palestine Issue

Marking seventy years of displacement and occupation in Palestine, Mizna presents The Palestine Issue, centering the Palestinian struggle for liberation and the rich literature it has spurred, guest edited by playwright and poet Ismail Khalidi. Acclaimed authors engage with seven decades of resilience and creativity in the face of catastrophe, sharing work that combats erasure by remembering, as well as by imagining possible (and impossible) futures.

Including a list of acclaimed and innovative writers, this will be an expanded issue, with more authors and content than any issue in our history. It will also launch a redesign of the print journal, engaging the design skills of Morcos Key and Alex DeArmond.

Featured in this journal are contributions by Lannan Literary Fellow HALA ALYAN, acclaimed poet NAJWAN DARWISH, MacArthur Fellows NATALIE DIAZ and KHALED MATTAWA, an interview with Pulitzer Prize winner HISHAM MATAR, poetry from NAOMI SHIHAB NYE, NATHALIE HANDEL, and GEORGE ABRAHAM, comics from JOE SACCO and LEILA ABDELRAZAQ, essays by AHDAF SOUEIF and EILEEN MYLES. Visual art by Palestinian artist YAZAN KHALILI. We are also publishing the full transcript of MARC LAMONT HILL's recent speech to the United Nations, and work from many more incredible authors:

Lina AlSharif
Janan Alexandra
Zaina Alsous
Zeina Azzam
Bryonn Bain
Jehan Bseiso
Kevin Coval
Summer Farah
Ed Bok Lee

Sahar Mustafah
Donal O'Kelly
Bao Phi
Najla Said
Mandy Shunnarah
Fargo Tbakhi
Lena Khalaf Tuffaha
Naomi Wallace

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About Mizna

Mizna is a Twin Cities non-profit arts organization that promotes Arab American artistic expression. We produce the annual Twin Cities Arab Film Festival and publish an award-winning literary journal *Mizna: Prose, Poetry, and Art Exploring Arab America*, which features both local and international artists. Additionally, Mizna stays active in the community by hosting book readings, Arabic classes, and art projects. Through art, we strive to highlight the multifaceted experiences of Arab Americans.

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