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## **AUB Fine Arts Department to stage performance on gender inequality at Madina Theater**

Beirut, Lebanon- 23/11/2012 - The American University of Beirut Department of Fine Arts and Art History will stage on December 1 and 2, *Salome versus BlueBeard*, a collective performance directed and choreographed by AUB Professor Cornelia Krafft. The performance, which will start at 7 pm, will take place at Al Madina Theatre.

Supported by the Mellon Foundation and the Department of Fine Arts and Art History of AUB and carried out in support of Kafa organization, the silent performance is a combination of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* and Maurice Maeterlink's *Ariane and Bluebeard*. It intends to explore why society still upholds inequality among the sexes, while portraying oppressed women's acquiescence and acceptance of such discrimination.

The performance begins at 7 pm, featuring live art sequences presented by AUB students from Prof. Krafft's Performance Art course, in Hamra and in Al Madina Theatre, before and after the show.

*Salome versus Bluebeard* is performed in contribution to Kafa organization, whose mission is to work towards eradicating all forms of gender-based violence.

Tickets are free of charge and may be booked at [salomevsbluebeard@gmail.com](mailto:salomevsbluebeard@gmail.com). They should be collected from Madina Theater by 7 pm; otherwise, they will be released to the public.

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**Note to Editors**

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