

UCT DRAMA PRESENTS

HOUSE OF WIVES

By **Fatima Gallaire**

Directed by **Naila Al Atrash**



Naila Al Atrash is a visiting scholar at the University of Cape Town from Syria-Damascus. She is an actor, lecturer and one of the foremost female director's in the Arab world. She has directed plays and led workshops in acting and directing in several places including Beirut, Amman, Cairo, Edinburgh and the United States.

When invited to put on a play in South Africa it was important to Naila to choose a play that is significant to both African and Arabic Societies. *"House of Wives"* glorifies women who, despite being given very little status by society, still find ways to assert their rights.

The play is about a house of women in Algeria. In the house there is only one man, Driss, who has no sons. Will a second wife bear sons? Or will he have to take a third to prove his honour? In a house of women who will decide?

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