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## *Gilgamesh on Babylon stage*

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Within the theatrical shows of the Babylon International Festival (September 22-October 22) will be a play entitled "Gilgamesh". It will be presented Wednesday.

The play has been based on the Epic of Gilgamesh. It is directed and acted by Sa'di Younis, the Iraqi stage actor and director who is currently studying drama in Paris, France.

The Epic of Gilgamesh is one of the most important literary compositions in the Akkadian language. It tells the story of Gilgamesh, the best known hero of all ancient Mesopotamian heroes.

It is the story of two friends, Gilgamesh and Enkidu, who, though friends, practise a trial of strength, of which history refers to Gilgamesh as the victor.

Feeling lonely, Gilgamesh tries to learn how to escape death. So he makes a dangerous journey in search of the plant of rejuvenation. But after Gilgamesh obtains the plant, it is seized by a serpent and Gilgamesh returns to Uruk.

The play will be performed at Ninmakh Temple at the city of Babylon.



Sa'di Younis

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