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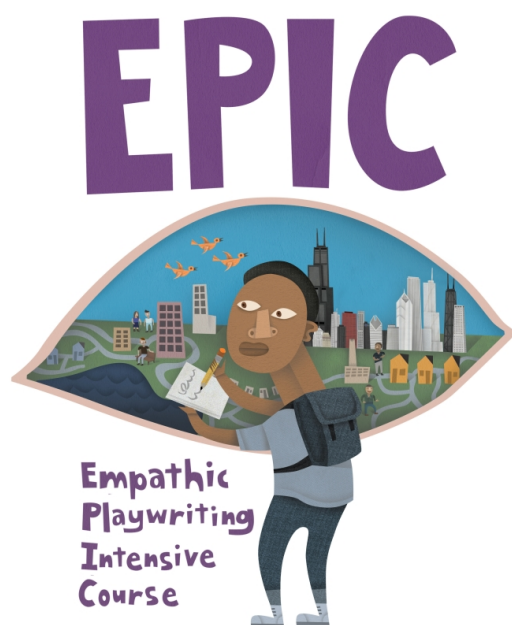


Sign up now for a 2020 Membership and don't miss a single experience:

- EPIC Showcase Fall 2019 (January 25 & 25, 2020)
- *My Dear Hussein* by Nahal Navidar (March 17–April 19, 2020)
- EPIC Showcase Spring 2020 (June 14, 2020)
- Silk Road Rising Donor Salon 2020 (June 14, 2020)
- *People of the Book* by Yussef El Guindi (September 15–October 25, 2020)

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January 25 & 26, 2020 EPIC Showcase Fall 2019

A collection of staged readings of plays written during the Fall 2019 semester of EPIC (Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course). Have you ever wondered what young people would write about if they were given the platform? If older adults in retirement communities were given a chance to stage a play, what stories would they tell? Come find out how storytelling connects us across the generations. The readings are performed by actors from the Silk Road Rising community.

EPIC Fall 2019 classes took place at Boone Elementary School, Cantata Senior Living, Lutz Center for After School Matters, and Turner-Drew Elementary School.

March 17–April 19, 2020 *My Dear Hussein*

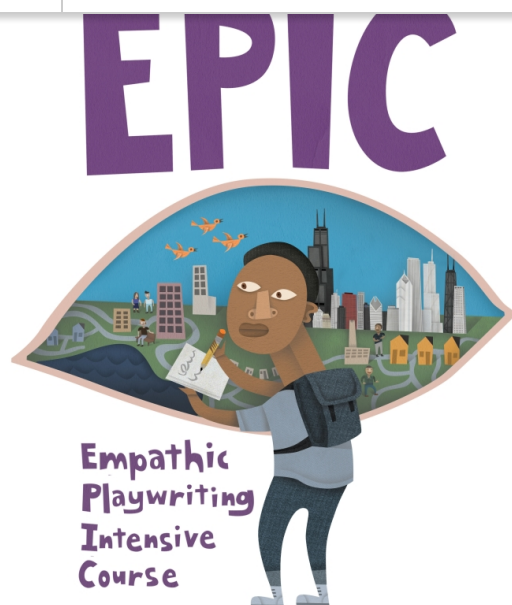
The World Premiere
Co-produced with Momentary Theatre
Written by Nahal Navidar
Directed by Tlaloc Rivas

A child, a toy dog, and a ruthless dictator walk into a war zone and fanciful imagination breaks free. This surrealistic tale of a four-year-old Iranian girl unfolds amidst the carnage of the Iran-Iraq War of the 1980s. The lines between playful fantasy and brutal warfare are gradually blurred as ugly realities become harder to mask.



June 13 & 14, 2020 EPIC Showcase Spring 2020

Our second EPIC Showcase will



are currently taking place at Columbia Explorers Academy, Galileo Scholastic Academy, Kelvyn Park High School, Mather High School, Misericordia, Ryan Banks Academy, and Skinner West Elementary School.



June 14, 2020 Silk Road Salon 2020

Our annual member appreciation event is an opportunity to meet and mingle with other supporters of Silk Road Rising at a lively wine & cheese reception. This year's salon will feature an in-depth look at our EPIC (Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course) Program.

September 15–October 25, 2020 *People of the Book*

The Midwest Premiere
Written by Yussef El Guindi
Directed by Michael Malek Najjar

Struggling artist Amir is trying to be supportive, but when an old friend gains national acclaim as a writer and a war hero, Amir finds it all too convenient to be true. Is it his professional jealousy at play or is there something malicious in his friend's memoir? Yussef El Guindi's *People of the Book* explores American narratives of the Middle East conflicts, questioning who the narratives hurt and who they benefit.



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