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## EPIC Showcase Fall 2019 January 25 & 26, 2020

6 Actors, 27 Characters, 8 Plays, 85 minutes



*EPIC Showcase features Destiny Strothers, Gordon Chow, Mark West, Teresa Kuruvilla, Tina El Gamal, and Vic Kuligowski.*

**Saturday, January 25 at 2:00pm**

**Sunday, January 26 at 2:00pm**

This showcase is 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. This weekend's readings are performed by actors from the Silk Road Rising community.

EPIC Fall 2019 classes took place at Boone Elementary School, Cantata

## Buy Tickets

### Take a Peek at "Karen Wants a Sprite Cranberry" by Justin Morris

Karen: Oh my God! You people here are so IRRESPONSIBLE! I can't believe you are one of the most popular restaurants in America and you still would let your customers down! Ugh I used to work at McDonald's as a teenager and I never disappointed a customer.

Everyone who has worked in customer service has known a Karen. In this monologue from 7th grader Justin Morris, we meet Karen in a moment of crisis—the restaurant has run out of the beverage her child wants. As Karen makes a scene, can empathy help her realize the hurt and stress she is causing others?



If you are unfamiliar with the current cultural phenomenon of "Karen," according to Dictionary.com, Karen is "a mocking slang term for an entitled, obnoxious, middle-aged white woman...asking to speak to retail and restaurant managers to voice complaints or make demands".

**Can Karen Change Her Ways? Come Find Out!**

## Happy Lunar New Year



The lunar new year starts on Saturday, January 25. We will be entering the year of the rat which is said to bring vitality.

新年快乐 (Happy New Year)!

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