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This Thanksgiving

One of the many things we at Silk Road Rising love about Thanksgiving is the opportunity to reflect upon and express all that we're thankful for. Our gratitude is abundant and our blessings are bountiful.

First and foremost, we're thankful for you: the artists and audiences, supporters, funders, and donors, ambassadors and advocates, who bring our mission to life and make our work possible.

We're thankful to create stories that Americans need to hear, stories that challenge mainstream narratives and counter widespread fears.

We're thankful to stand with the vulnerable, with communities that have been vilified and marginalized, despised and incriminated.

We're thankful that we can define an aesthetic that is pro-immigrant, pro-Muslim, pro-feminist, and pro-LGBT.

We're thankful that we can resist cultural and political discourses that encourage Americans to "dumb down," to be disdainful of objective facts, and to elevate fears over truths.

We're thankful that we can express worldviews that embrace history, complexity, nuance, and humanity.

We're thankful that we can exist as both an incubator and a showcase for experiences, identities, and ideas that are increasingly under attack.

We're thankful that with your continued love and support we will muster the courage and wherewithal to continue doing this critical work.

A joyous Thanksgiving to you all!



Your Gifts Build Bridges of Understanding

Bridges - that's what you help build when you support Silk Road Rising.

The journey to creating a more just world can be a treacherous one. While no one denies the challenge is great, the first step to building understanding is seeding one story at a

Thanks to your generosity, over the last eleven months, we've produced three new plays: Ronnie Malley's *Ziryab: The Songbird of Andalusia*, Jamil Khoury's *Mosque Alert*, and Azhar Usman's *Ultra American: A Patriot Act*. 2016 also marked the year when our stage work went global with performances in London, Toronto, and Hamburg. Looking ahead, we will wrap up the year with our first ever holiday show, Christine Bunuan's musical revue, *Christmas at Christine's* -- an enchanting evening of holiday cheer with a message of love, family, and cherished memories that promise to warm the heart.

Year round, day in and day out, your gifts are applied to artists fees. You help artists make a living; and in return, the artists help us make sense of our complex world.

With your continued investment, we will produce more great art; art that heals, bridges divides, and yearns for a more interconnected society.

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About Face Theatre Presents Doug Wright's *I AM MY OWN WIFE*



I AM MY OWN WIFE is based on the true story of transgender antique collector Charlotte von Mahlsdorf (born Lothar Berfelde) who, against all odds, survived the Nazi and Communist regimes in East Berlin living openly as a female. Traditionally staged as a one-person play performed by a male actor, Director Andrew Volkoff's re-imagination will feature transgender actress Delia Kropp and three additional actors. The new production will frame Charlotte's story through a transgender lens, celebrating transvisibility through the life story of one of the most fascinating transgender women in the historical record. [Learn More »](#)

Share the Joy of *Christmas at Christine's*

Christmas at Christine's

Written and Performed by Christine Bunuan
Directed by J.R. Sullivan

This new holiday musical revue puts a Silk Road spin on the Christmas season. Chicago favorite Christine Bunuan invites you into her world with *Christmas at Christine's*. Journey from California to Chicago to the Philippines to a Catholic-Jewish household, as Christine sings her way through the holiday songbook and a lifetime of yuletide memories. [Buy tickets now.](#)

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