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Silk Road Rising wishes you a most blessed Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving reminds us to give gratitude and it is gratitude that makes us whole and sets us free.



Founding Co-Executive Artistic Directors Malik Gillani (right) and Jamil Khoury (left)

We are thankful for your loving and generous support. We are thankful for your patience, understanding, and solidarity.



Education Associate Jarrett King (left) and his wife Diana (right).

Despite all the challenges of this past year, we're still able to create meaningful art in classrooms and online and advance a vision of society that elevates connection over competition.



Polycultural Institute Advisory Council Coordinator Tasneem Mandviwala (right) and friend Hawra (left)

We are thankful for the continued opportunity to make a difference in people's lives. How blessed are we to be both the changers and the changed?



Associate Producer Corey Pond and his pet hedgehog, Écu

We are thankful in the knowledge that we will produce live theatre and in-person events once our circumstances allow.



Development Associate Liz Roser (left) with husband Bacary (right) and son Oumar (center)

Most of all, we are thankful for health, grace, and wisdom, forgiveness, compassion, and joy.

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Education Director Tracy Strimple and her sons, Jack and Will



Archivist Sophia Walker (center) with friends Grace (left) and Gaby (right)



Finance Associate Ali Yousaf

A Moving Tribute to a Teacher

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Myths to Drama Teaching Artist Ayssette Muñoz received this wonderful thank you from her third-grade students at Chicago's Boone Elementary School. Muñoz's class marked the triumphant return of Silk Road Rising's Myths to Drama arts education program for grades two through five, after a several-year hiatus. Along with our EPIC (Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course) program, we now offer two education programs for children and adults.

On this Thanksgiving, we would be remiss not to acknowledge those for whom this holiday may evoke painful memories. We respectfully recognize the Potawatomi, Miami, Peoria, Sioux, and Kickapoo Peoples, who have stewarded this land throughout the generations.

We acknowledge that we are on occupied land that was forcibly taken from its original owners. And we affirm that while we cannot change history, we can work for justice, and that justice begins with recognition and acknowledgment.

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