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Double Your Gift and Help Us Meet
The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust's
\$100,000 Challenge Grant

Dear Friend,

As we move towards the completion of another amazing year of building bridges through the arts, I'd like to invite you to support Silk Road Rising with a gift. Your [donation](#) allows us to stage stories about our shared humanity and the universal truths that bind us.

Furthermore, when you donate now, your [gift](#) will be **DOUBLED**.

Thanks to a generous challenge gift from The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust, all donations received prior to the end of the year will be matched one-to-one, up to \$100,000 — just so long as we receive it before December 31, 2017.

Double the impact of your donation!

\$50	Becomes →	\$100	Donate Today
\$300	Becomes →	\$600	
\$500	Becomes →	\$1,000	

HOW DOES MY DONATION FULFILL YOUR MISSION?

Your gift leads to resources that allow us to stage stories that would not otherwise be produced on a Chicago stage.



**DONATE
NOW**

programs to over 500 public school students and to provide community arts engagement programs across our region. [Please donate now.](#)

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

The purpose of this Challenge Grant is to strengthen Silk Road Rising by increasing our cash reserves. A cash reserve is a sum of money, kept in perpetuity, that can be borrowed from and replenished in order to meet operational needs.

As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, we have few opportunities to grow something as crucial as a cash reserve. [So thank you in advance for helping us meet this goal!](#)

WHAT ELSE AM I SAYING WITH A DONATION?

When you donate to Silk Road Rising, you're making a statement that goes beyond supporting a deserving arts organization. You're actually making a very bold statement. You're stating your support for the great American project. You're saying that you want it to continue with forward momentum. That you want the country to become more welcoming, more just, more imaginative, more trusting.

Your support says something about your vision for this country. You're saying, "Yes I want to hear my own story, but I also want to hear other people's stories, because without their stories my story is incomplete."



**DONATE
NOW**

So go ahead, make a statement. We'll respond in kind —with a story.

Thank you for supporting Silk Road Rising.

With gratitude,



Malik Gillani
Co-Founder

PS: please don't delay in making your gift! Silk Road Rising's year-end is approaching on December 31st. As a non-profit, we depend on grants and donations to offer productions and programming to serve our mission. So **thank you** in advance for helping us to meet this goal through your donation. [Thank you for helping us meet the Challenge Grant!](#)



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