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Dear Friend,

Like you, we believe that stories have the power to overcome harmful stereotypes.

Stories serve as a bridge.

Stories carry us beyond fearful and divisive ideas of “the other” to an understanding of our shared humanity and the possibility for new forms of community.

So many people are afraid of those who look different, love different, or pray different.



I wanted something that was more neutral, staying out of the way.
Present Muslims and Arabs as humans as they are with their flaws, with their desires, with their needs.

-Fouad Teymour, Playwright of *Twice, Thrice, Frice...*

We need your help to reshape the way Americans think about belonging. Far too many of our fellow Americans do not feel that they fully belong.

an America that transcends social fragmentation, polarization, and scapegoating.



But this cannot happen when certain stories and certain experiences are excluded from our cultural fabric.

Silk Road has generously put [my play] on stage. It was a fantastic experience.

-Fouad Teymour, Playwright of *Twice, Thrice, Frice...*



Over the past sixteen years, Silk Road Rising has served as a home to playwrights of Asian, Middle Eastern, and Muslim heritage. When these voices are heard and these stories are told, they counter the disinformation and fear that pervades the world around us.

But, this work cannot continue without you playing a starring role as a [Bridge Builder](#).

Without challenging limited worldviews, there is no change. And without sufficient funding, we cannot continue to support artists who spark this change.

Silk Road has this community of devoted people who understand the mission and are there to serve it every day...It's unique. It's kind of profound for me. It's religious.

-Patrizia Acerra, Director of *Twice, Thrice, Frice...*

Please join our [Bridge Builder Program](#), a monthly giving program, to give voice to stories that help us make sense of our complex world.

Friend, in giving to Silk Road Rising, you help build an America to which we all belong.

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despised. This is where Silk Road Rising's work becomes critical to national healing.



You see an audience going, "that looks like me," "that's who we are," "those stories are ours." Silk Road has done that so well for so long.

-Patrizia Acerra, Director of *Twice, Thrice, Frice...*

Now, more than ever, we need to hear each other's stories. You can help us tell these stories.

With immense gratitude for your commitment and support,

Jamil Khoury
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Hear More from Fouad and Patrizia



Listen to Playwright Fouad Teymour and Director Patrizia Acerra talk about the importance of Silk Road Rising

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