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It's a statement that goes beyond supporting a worthy arts organization. It says something about **your vision for this country**. It says something about **the stories we tell** and how they align with **your world view**. It's a statement about **your values and ideals, your hopes and yes, your fears**.

Which is why **we can't disentangle artistic programming from the commitments we've made to resisting dangerous currents** all too manifest in today's world. Which is why **the plays we produce reject mindsets that declare immigrants to be a threat**, and cast non-Western cultures as inferior and invasive, dangerous even.

The stories we tell are **written by immigrants and children of immigrants—new Americans**. I think it fair to say we're here to contribute. **We believe in the vision of a more perfect union**. We understand the great sacrifices of those who struggled before us and we refuse to succumb to philosophies that divvy the world up into neat little "civilizational" blocks forever embroiled in battle—East vs. West, Christendom vs. Islam, white vs. non-white. Look, we know a divide and conquer strategy when we see one. It's why we don't take the bait! None of us should.

So when you donate to Silk Road Rising, 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. **More welcoming, more just, more imaginative, more trusting**. And you're disavowing attempts to sow hatred and division. And God knows there's a lot to disavow. 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**."

So go ahead, [make a statement](#). We'll respond in kind—with a story. [Give Today »](#)



Thank you,
Jamil Khoury

P.S. Did you know there are three ways to donate to Silk Road Rising? Simply visit www.SilkRoadRising.org/donate, mail your check to Silk Road Rising (77 W. Washington St., BSMT, Chicago, IL 60602), or call Malik Gillani ([312-857-1234 x202](tel:312-857-1234)) to give by phone and support arts learning in Chicago.

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