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What Inspires You?

As we usher in 2015, we look back at stories shared by patrons, artists, and donors.

Dear Friend,

On the eve of the new year, we reflect on stories [shared](#) with us by individuals who have been impacted by Silk Road Rising. Here are some of our favorites; read all of them on GreatNonprofits.org:

"For over a decade I have sat in the audience and learned what I never otherwise would have known about people half way around the world and just around the corner. What Silk Road Rising provides on stage, online, and on campus is stunning and impactful."

WATCH: playwright Rajiv Joseph talks about his new play development process at Silk Road Rising.

"Silk Road Rising's work --whether online video plays, staged readings or full-blown productions-- inspire me to think beyond myself and to approach others with empathy and respect."

WATCH: building bridges, building communities.

"Both warm and professional, with a mission that addresses the issues of an evolving culture, Silk Road Rising is one of the best theaters in Chicago, and the nation. They provide a platform for the unconventional, a space for profound discovery, and aren't afraid to speak truth to power. Working with Silk Road Rising was one of the best opportunities/experiences of my life, and every show I see there moves me so deeply that I am forever changed."

WATCH: artists discuss opportunities afforded them at Silk Road Rising.

"I happened across Silk Road Rising as a volunteer usher, but their ability to tell the stories of Middle Eastern and Asian people with compassion, dignity, and vigor quickly turned me into a donor. We don't have much to give, but their work is so critical to a fully inclusive society that I can't imagine not doing everything I can to support their continuance."

WATCH: a donor talks about what inspires her to support Silk Road Rising.

Thank you for considering a [GIFT](#) to Silk Road Rising.

Happy New Year! Wishing you a 2015 full of great art!

Malik & Jamil
Co-Founders

MISSION

Silk Road Rising advances citizenship and cultural understanding with theatre based work created through Asian American and Middle Eastern American lenses.

CORE VALUES

- Discovery
- Empathy
- Pluralism

VISION

Silk Road Rising recognizes that different cultures are inherently linked.

We seek to illuminate the intersections of cultures without denying their specificity.

We strive to foster a world that values art over ideology and inquiry over dogma.

We provide a space for diverse voices to express their own distinct stories and, through this shared experience, facilitate much-needed cross-cultural dialogue and awareness.

SUPPORT

Thank you for investing in an artistic vision that invites all peoples to learn from each other.

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