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# Black Teen Lives Matter: Family Stories

**Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 2:00PM CST**

**Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00PM CST**

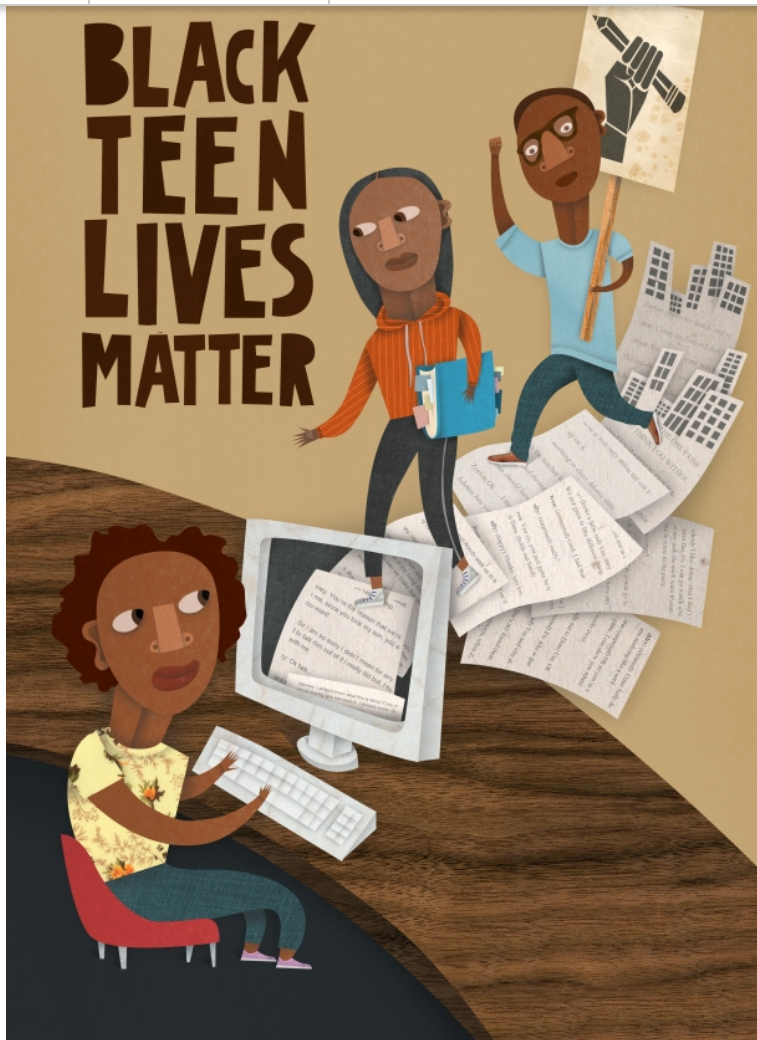
Join Silk Road Rising's Director of Education Tracy Strimple, director Jarrett King, and featured playwrights and actors for act two of *Black Teen Lives Matter* entitled *Family Stories*.

*Black Teen Lives Matter* is a virtual project in four acts—drawing on monologues and short plays written by Black teens in Silk Road

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(Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course) program from 2017-2020.

*Family Stories* features four short plays that explore the many facets of being a family.

How is family a source of strength when confronting life's myriad challenges? How do teens survive the loss of beloved family members? When do the expectations of parents become a crushing burden?

Family can be our closest friends, and our closest friends can be our family.

This newest collection will premiere on **Saturday, February 27**. Join us at **2:00PM CST** to first watch the plays and then discuss them with the artists. An encore presentation will occur on **Monday, March 1 at 7:00PM CST**.

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Jarrett King  
Director



Brianna Buckley  
Actor



Luke Daigle  
Actor



Jabari Khaliq  
Actor



Londen Shannon  
Actor

After the second presentation, the video will become available for everyone to watch at anytime for free.

If you are interested in watching the plays with us and participating in one of the two talkbacks, then click the buttons below to reserve a ticket to join the virtual Zoom audience. Only one reservation is needed per household.

**Please note, in order to participate, you must reserve your seat in advance.**

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## Community Spotlight



FUTURE LABS VIRTUAL READING  
**THE SECRETARIES**  
By Omer Abbas Salem  
Directed by Audrey Francis

GOODMAN THEATRE  
#FUTURELABS

Make Saturday, February 27 a double feature! Join Goodman Theatre at 7:00PM CST for a free reading of Omer Abbas Salem's *The Secretaries*.

Berlin, 1944: four women in Aryan drag vie to be the Führer's personal secretary as he heads into a bunker with his girlfriend. It's a rough time to be a German, but this is a chance to search for greater importance in a national capacity. Omer Abbas Salem's fearsome, absurd new work examines complicity and the lies we tell ourselves as we mistake self-interest and supremacy for patriotism.

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