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Feature Interview in Chicago Splash Magazine

“The goals of the community outreach program are to enter areas where people lacking access to conversations and needing a forum for dialogue can get together in a non-judgmental space.”

—Founding Executive Director, Malik Gillani

Recently, Silk Road Rising co-founders Jamil Khoury and Malik Gillani were profiled and interviewed by [Chicago Splash Magazine](#).

The article discusses how Silk Road Rising's community outreach efforts build bridges of understanding at this divisive time in our country's history. Utilizing [video plays](#), Silk Road Rising inspires crucial conversations in communities that may not otherwise have them. [Read the full interview.](#) »



The Four Hijabs on WGN Radio



one in which women should exercise choice and be able to interpret sacred text without a mediator.”

—Founding Artistic Director, Jamil Khoury

Silk Road Rising received a grant from the [Chicago Foundation for Women's 100 Day Fund](#) to bring *The Four Hijabs* to various communities in Chicagoland and beyond. Developed with Dr. Manal Hamzeh, Professor of Women's



Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies at New Mexico State University, our animated video play helps Muslim and non-Muslim audiences explore the meaning of the “hijab” by taking it beyond the reductive binary of “to veil or not to veil.”

Founding Artistic Director Jamil Khoury discussed this community outreach initiative in an interview on WGN Radio. [Listen to the radio interview »](#)

Silk Road Rising Presenting Special Arts Feature at Religion Communicators Council Convention



“In hosting an arts group that tells challenging stories, you not only reflect upon your world, you strengthen your character and faith.”

—Founding Executive Director, Malik Gillani

Co-founders Jamil Khoury and Malik Gillani will be leading a special arts feature workshop entitled "[Theater as a Communicator: The Silk Road Rising Story](#)" at this year's Religion Communicators Council Convention.



They will showcase their partnership with the First United Methodist Church at The Historic Chicago

Temple and discuss the unique benefits of this partnership. They will then invite participants to think about **theater as a vital form of communication**, allowing others to reflect on how theatre can intersect with their own community outreach. [Learn More »](#)

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