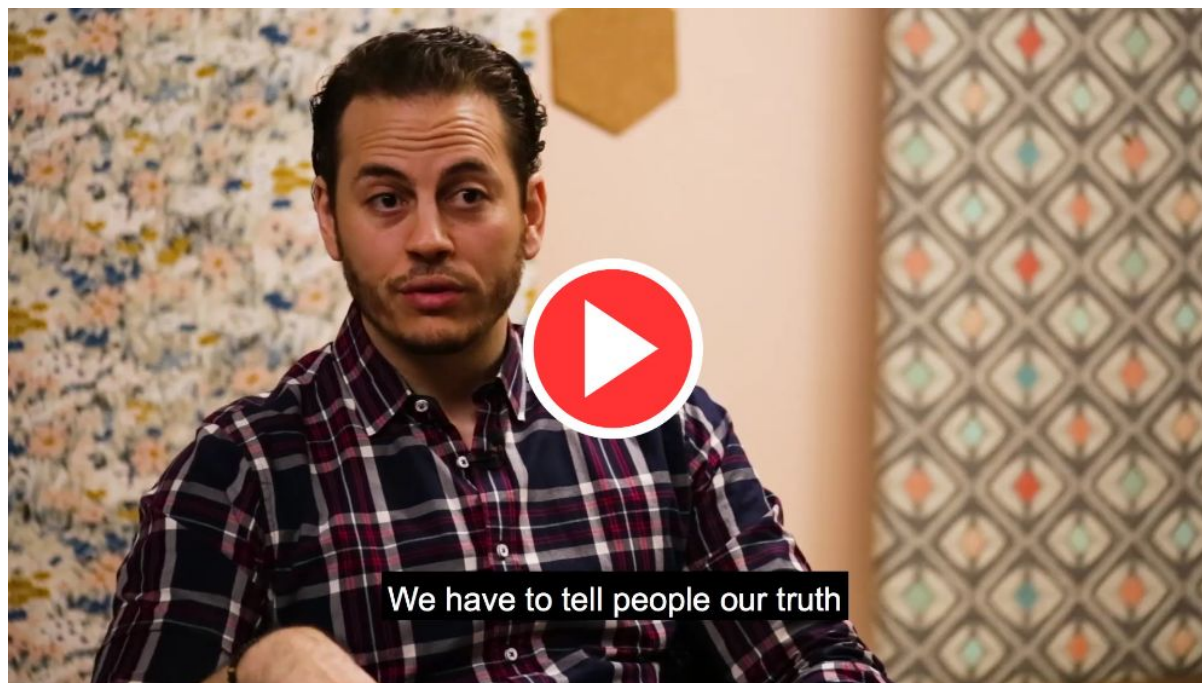


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The Important Work of Representation

Bassam Abdelfattah, an Egyptian American and Muslim artist, recently appeared on Silk Road Rising's stage as understudy for *Detour Guide*.

In this video, Bassam talks about the work that goes into representation, particularly for Arab and Muslim Americans, and how representation can challenge dominant stereotypes.

He encourages us to create art and tell our own truths—we can't wait for others to do it for us.

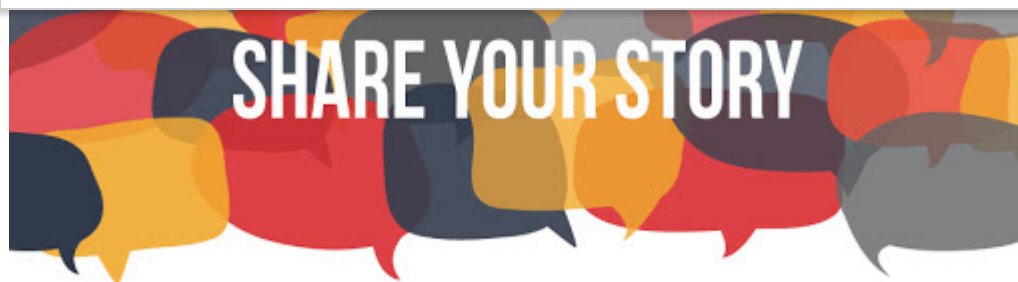
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“Silk Road Rising is an essential institution in Chicago as it provides a multicultural space that addresses important conversations regarding Middle Eastern and Asian populations in America through storytelling. It also gives voice to actual human beings from those communities and allows them to speak for themselves about their experiences.”

“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.”

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