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The COVID Monologues

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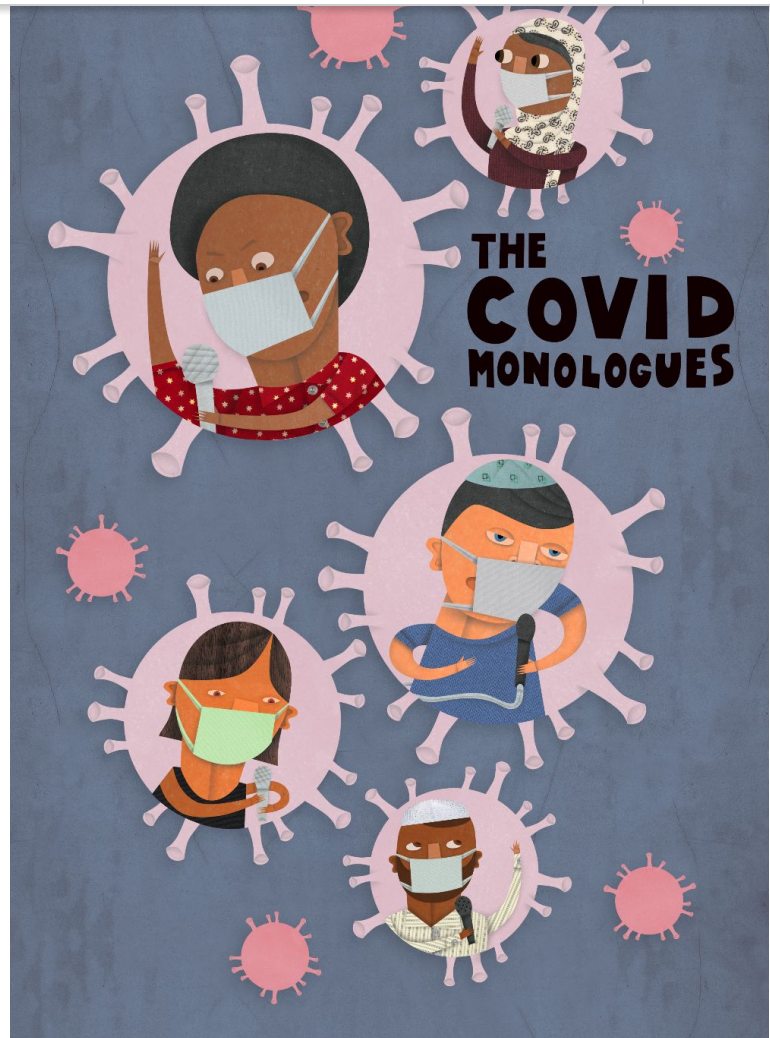
September 18 & 20, 2021

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Monologues is a new video project that showcases stories from Chicago's West Ridge neighborhood and beyond. West Ridge is a community on the city's far-north side that experienced one of the highest rates of COVID-19 transmission early on in the pandemic. This

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monologues gives voice to the untold stories of the pandemic in its myriad manifestations.



Directed by Marie Tredway, this collection of monologues will premiere on **Saturday, September 18**. Join us at **2:00pm CDT** to watch the video and discuss the plays. An encore presentation will occur on **Monday, September 20 at 7:00pm CDT**.

Please join us for one or both Zoom screenings by clicking on the appropriate button(s) below. Only one reservation is needed per household per event.

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All four acts of our *Black Teen Lives Matter* video series are now available on YouTube to be watched for free at any time.

Black Teen Lives Matter is a virtual project in four acts—drawing on monologues and short plays written by Black teens in Silk Road Rising's EPIC (Empathic Playwriting Intensive Course) program from 2017-2021. The project honors the stories of Chicago's young people and situates the voices of Black teens within a legacy of storytelling and activism that predates today's racial reckoning and continues to adapt as new challenges emerge.

Act One: Monologues (22:04)

Act Two: Family Matters (31:58)

Act Three: Taking a Stand (32:52)

Act Four: Present Tense (26:32)

Silk Road Rising is enormously proud to have produced *Black Teen Lives Matter*. In addition to amplifying the voices of Chicago's Black teens and centering the experiences of our city's middle and high school students, our hope is to build greater solidarity and cooperation between Black communities, Silk Road communities, and all who have a stake in a more just and connected Chicagoland.

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