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Judson Memorial Church and S/C Projects present

***Movement Without Borders:
A Day of Performance to Celebrate New York Immigration Coalition,
UnLocal, and Gente Unida
Saturday, October 2, 2021
11 AM – 6:30 PM
Judson Memorial Church, New York***

*“Because of the transient nature of human life, migration is the starting point for everybody.”
—(Mohsin Hamid)*

New York, NY — On **Saturday, October 2, 2021**, dancers, musicians, filmmakers, poets, and immigration advocates will gather in community at Judson Memorial Church around the urgent issue of humanizing our immigration system.

Movement Without Borders: A Day of Performance to Celebrate **New York Immigration Coalition, UnLocal, and Gente Unida**—three dynamic organizations that create support systems for those navigating the immigration system—will take place from 11am to 6:30pm at Judson Memorial Church. It is a day of performance and arts events with a reach that surpasses boundaries.

Conceived, directed, and produced by dance maker **Richard Colton**, in collaboration with **Judson Memorial Church**, performers will include dancer/choreographers **Mariana Valencia, Ernesto Breton/Rudy Perez, Jimena Paz, Francisco Córdova, Horacio Macuacua, Francesca Harper, Edivaldo Ernesto, and Shamel Pitts/TRIBE**; multidisciplinary artist **Emilio Rojas** with dancers **Arthur Avilés, Jonathan Gonzales, Maxi Kawkeye Canion, and Mio Ishikawa**; and **Antonio Sánchez Band** with **Thana Alexa, Jordan Peters, Carmen Staaf, Noam Wiesenberg**, and poet **Jonathan Mendoza**.

Among the speakers will be Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Margo Jefferson**, poet **Claudia Rankine** and **The Racial Imaginary Institute**; **Gina Belafonte**, Executive Director, **Sankofa**; visual artist **Xaviera Simmons**; **Enrique Morones**, founder of **Border Angels**, Founder/Director of **Gente Unida**; members of **UnLocal** with filmmaker **Adelita Husni-Bey**; members of **New York Immigration Coalition**; **Roger H. Brown**, former president of **Berklee College of Music**; **Shagufa Habibi**, girls sport and education advocate; **Reverend Micah Bucey** of **Judson Memorial Church**, and music producer/activist **Raoul Roach**.

The event will also include **Adelita Husni-Bey**'s film *Chiron*, introduced by **Husni-Bey**; photojournalist **Tish Lampert**'s documentary project *The Path To Freedom*, edited by James

Coblentz; and a new film collaboration, *Ghost Presences*, created by **Emilio Rojas** and poet **Sibani Sen** based on Lampert's border landscape photography.

The event is free and open to the public with a suggested donation of \$20. Link to make a reservation: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movement-without-borders-tickets-169389573775>

Program subject to change.

Judson Memorial Church is located at 55 Washington Square South (between Thompson and Sullivan Streets) in Manhattan.

For further information about the day's events, the organizations, and bios of all performers and speakers, visit <https://www.movementwithoutborders.com>.

For information about the health and safety protocols for this event, go to: <https://www.movementwithoutborders.com>.

A 90-minute version of this performance will take place on Sunday, October 3, at the Jersey City Theater Center as part of its Voices International Theater Festival. More information about this event at www.jctcenter.org.

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