Join us July 25th for a BLOCK PARTY & Reading of a Play

Based on real stories from your community!
Event starts Sunday, July 25 at 5:00pm,
Play begins at 5:45pm
RCHP @ 19 S 2nd Ave, Highland Park, NJ 08904
Reformed Church of Highland Park

This FREE event will take place outdoors with food from Global Grace Café, live music, and community conversation. Space is limited so please RSVP @ https://tinyurl.com/HPBlockParty
For more info visit www.notchtheatre.org

This event is a co-production of:
CAST

In Order of Appearance

Sergio Mauritz Ang- Actor 1 / Taj / Gabriel / Stage Directions for Play 4
Anna Pietre- Actor 2 / Sandra
Fida Ayoubi- Actor 3 / Bruno
Paul Ruberintwari- Actor 4
Meryem Gören- Actor 5 / Cathy / Fatima
Burak Gören- Actor 6 / Berat
David Samuel- Actor 7 / Stage Directions for Play 1 / Dan / Actor A / Alex
Terry Stokes- Actor 8 / BCW Actor B
Winta H. Weldensae- Actor 9 / Saba
Silvia Palacios - Actor 10 / Claudia
Emre Gören- Actor 11 / Pastor
Abigail Onwunali- Actor 12 / Stage Directions for Play 2 / Actor C / Ashanti / Dola
Isabel Pask- Actor 13 / Isobel
Sinan Eczacibasi- Patrick

Creative Team

Ashley Teague with Notch Theatre Company- Artist-In-Residence
Elinor T Vanderburg- Playwright for The Black Community Watchline Play
Malkia Okech- Program Coordinator, Dramaturge and Event Facilitator
Farida Almouslem- Dramaturge and Artist
Kermit Moss Jr.- DJ @KermitMossJr
Dan Swern and Javier Zavaleta with Mainstreet Highland Park- Sound Tech
Derrick L. Guest with DLG Creative- Videography
Catering by Global Grace Café

Special Thanks to Mainstreet Highland Park; M. Antoinette Gaboton-Moss, MDiv, ThM; Gihane Jérémie-Brink, PhD; Maya Wahram; Margaret Guerico; Parnika Celly; J. Richey Nash; Wendy Jager, her parents, and her exceptional book club; the Lit Lovers Book Club; RCHP's Retirees Lunch Bunch; Carol Turner; Bruce Reed; Fred Kaimann; Gabriela Saker; Anita Castillo-Halvorsen; Hayzel Soto; Valerie Orellana; BA; Jean Stockdale; Pastor Seth Kaper-Dale; to the service provides who work tirelessly to make this world a better place; and to the many individuals who shared their stories in creation of the plays.
About

The Program:
With support from coLAB Arts, Notch Theatre Company is working with the Reformed Church of Highland Park’s Affordable Housing Corporation (RCHP-AHC), which helps resettle refugees from around the world, provides services to unaccompanied refugee minors, and assists people who have been subjected to human trafficking.

Over the last nine months, Notch has been creating original theater pieces with the diverse communities served by RCHP-AHC and the Black Community Watchline in an effort to share the story of how their mutual aid service work transforms lives. Learn more about the program on our website.

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The Artist:
Notch Theatre Company (www.notchtheatre.org) is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by Ashley Olivea Teague in 2017 out of an Embark Fellowship Award for Social Innovation in Entrepreneurship from the Swearer Center for Public Service, in partnership with the Jonathan M. Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship at Brown University.

Notch creates community-responsive cultural work to drive change around the pressing issues of our time, offering communities nationwide a platform to tell their real stories and be their own change makers.

Our work engages populations that brick and mortar theaters are not reaching, personalizes important social issues for people on all sides of a conversation, raises awareness in a compelling way, drives change on a national scale, and prompts meaningful, lasting engagement at a grassroots level.

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Click here to read our Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Community Guidelines
Program Partners

**Black Community Watchline:** The Black Community Watchline was created in 2020 to empower individuals to speak out and address instances of anti-Black violence, aggression and bias. The Watchline provides a platform to report immediate threats of racial violence, microaggressions, and racially motivated experiences that undermine the respect, dignity and fair treatment that Black people should receive.

**coLAB Arts:** coLAB Arts engages artists, social advocates, and communities to create transformative new work. coLAB Arts facilitates creative conversation through innovative programs and artist infrastructure, connects artists with community partners and mentors, and executes productions that challenge perceptions and inspire action.

**Interfaith-RISE:** Interfaith-RISE (Refugee and Immigrant Services & Empowerment) is a multi-faith, multi-congregational, multi-racial organization committed to welcoming the stranger in central New Jersey. Interfaith-RISE is an official affiliate site of the US Committee for Refugees & Immigrants. We are committed to resettling refugees in central NJ, assisting asylum seekers before and after release from Elizabeth Detention Center, and supporting local faith and civic groups as they advocate for and work with refugees in their communities.

**The Reformed Church of Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation:** The Reformed Church of Highland Park Affordable Housing Corporation (RCHP-AHC) provides affordable housing, supportive services, and connection to meaningful community to low-income individuals and families in central New Jersey.

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