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“Create A Space NOW” AT 2019 FRINGE

An immersive and site-specific theatrical experience using dance, film, and text to further the discussion around #BLACKLIVESMATTER and the recent events pertaining to race relations in America. Showing September 11th @ 7:00pm & September 14th @ 7:30pm.

Rochester, NY – “Create A Space NOW” Directed by **Hettie Barnhill** will perform at the **2019 KeyBank Rochester Fringe Festival** (Tuesday, Sept. 10 – Saturday, Sept. 21) on **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019, @ 7:00pm & Saturday, September 14th, 2019, at 7:30pm, at The Fielding Stage at Geva Theatre Center (75 Woodbury Blvd, Rochester, NY 14607)**. Tickets are \$18.00 standard and \$15.00 for Senior Citizens and \$15 for students w/ID, at rochesterfringe.com, where more information is also available. Remaining tickets will be available at the door starting one hour before curtain.

In this gripping performance, art imitates life. It holds a mirror to the audience and challenges the viewer through dance, film, and text to reflect upon themselves and their presence within the everyday narratives that are presented to them via social media, television, newspapers, politics, family and first-hand encounters. Witness a compelling evening covering topics such as WHITE FRAGILITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, ANTI-BLACKNESS, ANTI-QUEERNESS & RACIAL FEAR. It forces viewers to step outside of their own bodies and into bodies that continue to be brutalized, objectified and minimized within America. The tension of everyday life and the experiences of black and brown people are brilliantly woven together in ways that have yet to be seen on stage. Theatre-goers are left to decide if they will be active in the fight for this generation's civil rights or if they will simply sit on the sidelines.

“Power, knowledge, and truth stemming from art.” - Peter Lam

“It’s not about whether or not you are black. It is about continuing the conversation until it gets so loud, so contagious, that the only possible outcome, is change.” - Lauren Schofield

“It’s honest, raw, powerful, and necessary.” - Christine Grounds

“This is where humanity lies.” - Bianca Golden

Create A Space NOW was founded by Director & Choreographer, **Hettie Barnhill**, a Broadway performer, professor, activist and her husband **Robert Gertler**, filmmaker, writer, producer & director. The cast features Hettie Barnhill, Amya Brice, Alexis Davis, Reenah Oshun Golden, Jerimiah Harper, Liliam Montilla, Isa Reese, Zoe Walders, and Dwight Young. The show also features films previously recorded by Hettie & Robert, including a video that went viral reaching over 46K people via Facebook in a matter of days.

More about Fringe: Since its debut in 2012, the KeyBank Rochester Fringe Festival has become one of the most successful fringe festivals in the U.S., attracting more than 78,000 attendees in 2018. Now a 12-day event, this multi-genre arts festival boasts over 570 performances and events – more than 150 of which are free – in 20+ venues in downtown Rochester, NY. Celebrating and inspiring creativity, the Fringe – which is partially curated by the non-profit festival and partially by festival venues – includes everything from theatre, music, comedy and dance, to children’s entertainment, spoken word, visual arts, film and much more. Please visit rochesterfringe.com for a complete schedule, tickets, and more information.

Media please note: Please visit www.createaspaceNOW.org/media to download high-resolution photos & promo material including HD, broadcast-quality video previews of works that will be featured in the show. We are available for interviews and can arrange rehearsal or preview opportunities if needed.