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AUSTIN CLASSICAL GUITAR & ARCOS

PRESENT AUSTIN ORIGINALS:

I/WE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

Film by Arcos

Erica Gionfriddo - ARCOS co-director, movement direction

Eliot Gray Fisher - ARCOS co-director, filming/editing

Joseph V. Williams II - ACG artistic director, music

Travis Marcum - ACG co-artistic director, interviews/interview collage

Matthew Hinsley - ACG co-artistic director

I/WE

Joseph V. Williams II

I. A new home

Oddalys Salcido, dance artist

II. I am not afraid

Kaitlyn Jones, dance artist

III. Waiting in no place

Bonnie Cox, dance artist

IV. I miss the soil

Ginnifer Joe, dance artist

Isaac Bustos - guitar, spoken word

Jennifer Choi - violin, spoken word

Louis-Marie Fardet - cello, spoken word

Alejandro Montiel - guitar, spoken word

Håkan Rosengren - clarinet, spoken word

Laura Gonzalez - ARCOS costume designer

Joe Sartory - ARCOS director of photography "I am not afraid"

Paulo J. Rocha Tavares - ARCOS still photography, process documentation

Todd Waldron - ACG audio recording + mix engineer

Eric Pearson - ACG live performance technical coordination

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals and families who opened their homes and hearts to share their experiences as the inspiration for I/WE. Thank you.

The Alaama Family

Munel Mann

Mai Barazi

I/WE (2017 & 2020) commissioned by Austin Classical Guitar

Our blog is overflowing with beautiful stories, videos, and insights. We include one in every virtual concert program, if you would like to read more, or see the videos they mention, visit AustinClassicalGuitar.org. Here's tonight's story...

ACG Originals: I/WE 2020 Presented in collaboration by ARCOS and ACG, I/WE 2020 is a cinematic experience of story, music and dance celebrating how our humanity transcends borders, languages, and boundaries.

Inspired by interviews with Syrian & Iraqi refugees during their first 90 days in Austin, the original i/we was a multimedia concert we made in 2017. We wanted to explore empathy and listening in an age of polarization. The concert had an amazing cast of international musicians and artists, and won *Best New Composition* at the Austin Critics Table.

For I/WE 2020, ARCOS, with choreographer Erica Gionfriddo, dancers Bonnie Cox, Ginnifer Joe, Kaitlyn Jones & Oddalys Salcido, along with filmmaker Eliot Gray Fisher, recontextualize the original stories and music through movement filmed in natural spaces around the State of Texas.

“There is a great responsibility in sharing someone else’s story.”

Says ARCOS choreographer Erica Gionfriddo.

“It requires us to listen deeply to the nuance of what we hear while acknowledging the complexity of our own experience. It requires an ability to respond, or as Donna Haraway calls it, a “response-ability.”



When Joe Williams approached ARCOS to collaborate on this reimagining of *I/We*, we shared this value of response-ability which has allowed us to honor, not re-tell, the stories of Mai, Munel, and the Alaama family. As a white-led organization, ARCOS considers our role in this project as similar to how Joe defined his original approach in 2017; “to facilitate space.” This is not what we, as white, educated, employed and documented United States citizens approximate the refugee experience to be, but a container in which those lived experiences can be honored and shared.”

...read the rest of this story at AustinClassicalGuitar.org.

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We would like to highlight our partnership with **Refugee Services of Texas** on this project and express our gratitude to their leadership and staff for the extraordinary, vital work they do every day for our refugee community.

Special Thank You to our presenting and creative partner **ARCOS**. Learn more about their work at www.ArcosDance.com

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with *Oliver Rajamani & John Aielli*

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Saturday, November 7, 2020 8PM CDT

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