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IMMIGRANT STORIES INSPIRE ART IN NEW HEIDI DUCKLER DANCE THEATRE PREMIERE

Ethnographic production will include installations by six local artists

When Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre premieres *Night Market* later this month, it will serve as the culmination of nearly a year of ethnographic, behind-the-scenes work. With guidance from UCLA's Labor Center, Duckler spent much of early 2016 filming interviews with the vendors and staff of Central Wholesale Market, the produce market that provides ingredients for many of LA's hottest restaurants. The Market itself represents something of an LA microcosm: immigrants from the Americas, many African countries, and the Caribbean work alongside lifelong Angelenos, ensuring that restaurants, cafes and homes across the city have the food they need.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Duckler recruited local artists for collaboration. Each selected artist, as well as Duckler and her company dancers, will use the interviews as inspiration for new works, to be shared during *Night Market*. In addition to live dance performances and music, the production will include painting, wood burning, weaving and other multi-media installations. Participating artists include: Zachary Aronson, Grace Hwang, Scarlett Kim, Jameelah Nuriddin, Christopher Reynolds, and Frank Valdez.

Night Market was made possible with support from the California Arts Council, and California Humanities, a non-profit partner of National Endowment for Humanities. Visit calhum.org.



Media Information:

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Performance & Ticket Information:

Night Market – June 25, 2016, 8pm

Central Wholesale Market, 1211 E. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles

Tickets available now – \$10 at heididuckler.org or at the door

Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre

Founded in 1985 by choreographer Heidi Duckler, Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre has created memorable dance experiences in extraordinary locations for three decades. Called the “reigning queen of site specific performance” by the LA Times, Duckler is dedicated to building audiences for the arts, especially in underserved communities. HDDT creates contemporary art experiences in nontraditional places and learning opportunities in diverse neighborhoods that redefine the relationship between audience and art through the cultivation of innovative partnerships. As the company begins its 30th anniversary season, expect Heidi Duckler Dance Theatre in unexpected places.

Heidi Duckler has created more than 200 dance pieces all over the world. Awards include a City of LA Department of Cultural Affairs COLA Award, California Arts Council Choreography Fellowship and National Endowment of the Arts American Masterpiece award.

