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2021 Mỹ Việt Story Slam Open Call Begins

Montclair NJ: The 2021 Mỹ Việt Story Slam Open Call kicks off on Friday, January 8 for Vietnamese Boat People Podcast's 2nd annual storytelling virtual event.

This year's theme is '*2020: A Year Unlike Any Other*'. Individuals 18 and older, are invited to submit personal stories of their Vietnamese American perspective on how the events of 2020 have impacted them as Asian Americans, using various mediums including, but not limited to, spoken word, poetry, music, visual art, documentary, animation and more.

Up to eight submissions will be chosen by the Vietnamese Boat People team and storytellers will have the opportunity to share their story on a live-stream virtual stage in front of a global audience. Additionally, selected storytellers will each receive \$100 cash and their stories will be featured in the Vietnamese Boat People Podcast.

"Last year, we held the very first Story Slam of this kind for the Vietnamese American community and were blown away by all the submissions that came in from west to east coast. Our selected Storytellers brought complex stories that stemmed from their families' diaspora

history to present day Asian American identities. This year, we want people to share how 2020 has impacted their lives and/or changed their perspectives; from the global pandemic, to the divide within the Vietnamese community on the Presidential election to our roles in the Black Lives Matter movement,” said Vietnamese Boat People Founder and Podcast Host, Tracey Nguyen Mang.

The deadline for submissions will be Monday, March 15 at 11:59pm EST.

The live virtual event will take place on Thursday, May 6, 2021 to kick off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The event will be free and open to the public.

For more information, visit <https://www.vietnameseboatpeople.org/storyslamslam>

ABOUT

Founded in 2018, Vietnamese Boat People is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to preserve and carry forward the stories of the Vietnamese diaspora for the future generations and to mobilize a community to pay-it-forward in helping today’s refugee population. The organization shares these stories through its podcast, Vietnamese Boat People, which is currently available on major podcast platforms: Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Play and Stitcher and has listeners from more than 20 countries. In addition to the podcast, the organization hosts community events and programs to empower individuals to inquire and share their family diaspora stories . Visit www.vietnameseboatpeople.org for more details.