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Mỹ Việt Story Slam event broadcasts live next week.

New York, NY: In the recognition of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Vietnamese Boat People Podcast is providing a virtual stage for participants to share their stories via a live virtual event called Mỹ Việt Story Slam, on May 29 at 7PM EST/4PM PST. This event is co-hosted with WHRO and sponsored by Asian Nation of Live Nation, Asian Women Giving Circle and PBS. As part of the partnership, WHRO Public Media will be sharing clips throughout the broadcast of the recently released six-part PBS documentary series, *Asian Americans*.

Ten finalists have been selected by the Story Slam committee to virtually share their stories in the live broadcast. Submissions vary in multi-visual art complications and range in themes such as food, language, and culture.

“We are excited to showcase these amazing stories that touch on so many facets of the Vietnamese-American experience,” says Richard Luong, who is part of the growth and development for Vietnamese Boat People and works for WHRO. “As a son of Vietnamese Boat People, each of the selected storytellers touched me in different ways, and it is wonderful to give these voices a platform. The scenes from *Asian Americans* that we have chosen to screen

weave a common thread to the story slam contestants, highlighting the challenges and resilience of our communities.”

The event will be free and open to the public online via a live Zoom event. For more information, visit <https://www.vietnameseboatpeople.org/storyslam>.

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. Led by Founder and Chief Storyteller, Tracey Nguyen Mang, along with a voluntary-based team, the organization has created various events surrounding the company’s mission, which include cultural events, live-podcast tapings, and community meetups. Visit www.vietnameseboatpeople.org for more details.