

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Erika Nelson *she/her*

My name is Erika Nelson. I am an artist, witch and therapist who primarily works with youth and families. I am currently living on Chinook and Multnomah land (Portland). I primarily use art as a healing tool to engage ourselves and our communities in processing the past, dreaming the future, and investigating the self. I believe that through art we can heal as well as transform ourselves and our communities. I believe that as a white person I have a responsibility to continually investigate my impacts, internalized white supremacy/ colonialism/capitalism, and ways in which I uphold oppressive systems in order to actively do the work of dismantling these forces. In my contribution I wanted to include a Sigil for cursing ICE, as well as art meant to honor the youth and families who are being dehumanized for the purposes of white supremacy and genocide.

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Fatima Elzein *she/they/human*

My art springs from emotional creativity and the message is crystal clear: A circle for unity, wings representing the beauty of migration, and remembering this is the "LAND OF THE FREE." I am a strong advocate for using my platform to raise awareness and money to help bring justice to the children who are being separated from their families, and to the parents who seek asylum on this "land of the free", for better opportunities. Even though our parliament's representation on all of the above is greed,

imprisonment and murder, it doesn't mean our hope for a more peaceful future is over. Immigrants are our present and future. We must get aggressive with our freedom of speech. As Artists, we have the privilege to safely exploit America.

As we live our busy lives, focusing on our own demons, it is easy to forget about this crisis. In most cases, money isn't the solution but when it comes to america's government, money talks. Give something up this week so you can donate to a cause. Remind yourselves of your biweekly paychecks. Most of us have a safety net. Many rely on donations.

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Graciela Vega

Graciela Vega is a mother and multi-disciplinary cultural producer. She dedicates her energy to her elementary students and families, teaches ballet folklórico to over 50 students, prepares cultural and poetry events in her community and has been producing art pieces to honor people's work. Born in Purépero, Michoacán, raised in Watsonville, CA and with a degree in Film and Video Production Degree and Gender and Feminist Studies from Pitzer College, Graciela Vega strives to represent and serve.

Jazz Mom *they/them*

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