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## **WNET | WBFO's "Making Buffalo Home" Presents: "Finding Refuge in Buffalo"**

Join WNET | WBFO for "Finding Refuge in Buffalo," a night of storytelling and celebration of Buffalo's history as a home for immigrants and refugees on Friday, May 10, from 5:30 to 8 pm.

Presented by WNET | WBFO's "Making Buffalo Home," the event celebrates the opening of "Finding Refuge in Buffalo," a photo and essay collection by University at Buffalo's Director of Journalism, Jody K. Biehl and internationally recognized photographer Brendan Bannon. The exhibit touches on questions of home, belonging, culture, and what it means to be American. The event will also celebrate the ongoing "Making Buffalo Home" project, which uses the power of public media on the air, online, and in the community to deepen our understanding of each other.

The May 10 opening event is family-friendly and features videos from the "Making Buffalo Home" project and an interactive conversation with immigrants who, in many cases, took great risks to call Buffalo home. Attendees are encouraged to come with a family photo or memento, share their family's story with others, and listen to others tell their stories.. Volunteers will be on hand to help attendees share their stories and add them to both Biehl's database of immigration stories and the "Making Buffalo Home" project.

The event will include music and light fare with hors d' oeuvres and dessert prepared by some of Buffalo's best ethnic eateries. To reserve a free ticket to the event, click [here](#). Free parking is available in WNET | WBFO's parking lot off Charles Street.

The "Finding Refuge in Buffalo" art exhibit at Horizons Gallery is open weekdays from 9 am to 4:30 pm through June 2.

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