

Moonset Sunrise

Unlocking Spaces for Transformation

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CO-CREATORS' NOTES

I remember my first trip via airplane. I was 19 years old. My mother was scared to fly so I didn't fly as a child. I was sitting there listening to the flight attendant give safety instructions. She said, "...place the oxygen mask on yourself first, before helping small children or others who may need your assistance." The instruction struck me as off because it was counterintuitive to the way that I, as a young Black woman, was conditioned to respond by the example of the women around me. Those women gave themselves to the point of depletion. Never putting the mask on themselves. 30 years later, I have come to find the deep wisdom in this emergency instruction. We cannot be fully present in the healing and reconciliation process if we are depleted...starved of oxygen. Moonset Sunrise is Collaboraction's reminder that we must care for ourselves before we can help others.



 **Carla Stillwell**

In the midst of isolation, we started gathering around a digital campfire dreaming of what might be when we came back together. Continuing the trajectory of COLLABORACTION's 25 years of work to reveal history and cultivate racial healing and social change in Chicago, we dreamed of a truth and reconciliation experience. And then—we realized the first and most important step towards reconciliation, was self care and love. If we took better care of ourselves and encouraged each other to do the same, we would actually be connecting with each other through our internal selves. If we built a theatrical experience that was a vehicle of self care, love and celebration and invited the audience in as positive vibration collaborators, we would turn the isolation and heartbreak of the great pause into a spiritual asset for all.... a Moonset Sunrise. I am honored and grateful to be creating work with this amazing ensemble of healer, artist-activists and to share it with Chicagoans at this critical point in our city's history, when anything is possible.

 **Anthony Moseley**



The Moonset Sunrise experience is brought to you by a unique ensemble of souls curiously courageous enough to acknowledge the wonder and magic of that infinite moment between the setting moon and the rising sun. The current times call for a little magic...ok, a LOT of magic...so we decided to BE the magic we want to see in the earth. We gather together in a thought-provokingly immersive, theatrical shindig that invites the elements of song, dance, spoken word and live music to reveal and heal. All are welcome to join us on this beautiful journey.

 **Pilar Audain**

PERFORMERS

Pilar Audain
Susana A. Banuelos, Aztec Dance Chicago
Sandra Delgado
Coco Elysses
Toni Mono
Ugochi Nwaogwugwu
Prince Roc



THE BAND

Gabriel Alston
Maurice Johnson
Steven C. Manns
Johndavid Provitt
James Ramos
Marcus Robinson (Music Director)
Anthony Taylor
Jaydon Washington

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PRODUCTION TEAM

Carla Stillwell (Co-Creator, Writer & Producer)
Anthony Moseley (Co-Creator)
Pilar Audain (Co-Creator, Guide)
Pricilla Torres (Associate Producer)
Teniyah Hall (Stage Manager)
Marshawn Levon (Assistant Stage Manager)
Razor Wintercastle (Production Manager)
Phoenix Bellentine (Lighting Design)
Emmy Weldon (Scenic Design)
AJ Tarzian (Sanctuary Design)
Warren Levon (Sound Designer)
Stephen Wilkes (Sound Board Operator)
Ajani Akinade (Graphic Design/Illustration)



COLLABORATION STAFF

Anthony Moseley (Artistic Director)
Saudia Davis (Executive Director)
Carla Stillwell (Producer)
Pricilla Torres (Associate Producer)
Willow James (Creative Marketing Manager)
Jay Kelly (Press Relations)

UPCOMING AT COLLABORACTION:

The Light (August 18–20, 2022)

Our youth-centered mentorship & performance program for young artists/activists passionate about sparking social change through performance and production/design. Performances will be a part of the Chicago Park District's Nights Out in the Parks.

Peacebook (September 2022)

Our annual festival of pieces sharing personal perspectives on peace and equity that inspire unity and action. Submissions due June 20th.

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