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Doctors Outreach & SFJAZZ Unveil "Facing Homelessness Together" Photography Installation in San Francisco Unified School District Building windows Across from SFJAZZ Center at corner of Franklin Street and Fell Street

Installation Unveiled on Sunday, December 19, 11:00am PST

(San Francisco, CA, December 16, 2021) On Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 11:00am/PST, Doctors Outreach and SFJAZZ will unveil a month-long photography installation from Dr. Eduardo Peña Dolhun called "Facing Homelessness Together" in the windows of the San Francisco Unified School District Building across from SFJAZZ Center in San Francisco at the corner of Franklin Street and Fell Street. The installation will run until January 2022 and is presented in conjunction with the premiere of Dr. Dolhun's documentary short film *FOG* at the SFJAZZ Center on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 6:00pm. *FOG* tells the stories of people in San Francisco experiencing homelessness and gives an intimate purview into the lives of those that live on the streets and offers the opportunity to get to know that person beyond just walking past a tent on the sidewalk.

Eduardo Peña Dolhun is a Mayo Clinic educated and trained, board-certified family medicine physician and is an internationally recognized Disaster Medicine Physician. He has conducted relief efforts in 13 countries—from devastating earthquakes in Haiti and Nepal to monsoon floods in Pakistan to typhoons in the Philippines.

As a novice photographer, Dr. Dolhun saw the human disaster unfolding on the streets of San Francisco and he dedicated his spare time over the past two years to chronicling the stories of more than one hundred homeless citizens of The City's Tenderloin neighborhood and Polk Street/Van Ness corridor. With his Leica M10 camera, Dr. Dohun captured people from all walks of life experiencing homelessness during the tragic early days and months of the pandemic. The goal of the project is to bring public awareness of the humanity and humility of people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco and beyond.

The installation's 31 photographs are printed on synthetic leather and range from 9.5' high x 6.25' wide to 5.75' high x 6' wide. The installation is open to the public and can be viewed at street level from Franklin Street and Fell Street. Since the grand opening of the SFJAZZ Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, 2013, SFJAZZ has placed photographs in these windows from famed photographers Herman Leonard, William Gottlieb, Jim Marshall, and Chuck Stewart. SFJAZZ is proud to support this project and help end homelessness.

"On my daily walks to work and around town, I began to pass more and more people living on the sidewalks," explained Dr. Dolhun. "I simply could not ignore my homeless neighbors for one more day, and so decided to say hello and get to understand them as individuals. My goal of this photography installation and the short film *FOG* is to put a face on a problem that so many would rather ignore. I encourage anyone who is touched by the photographs to see the film and hear the often surprising first-person accounts of how people end up on the streets, the difficulties of living there, and how hard it is to break free of the cycle of homelessness."

What started as a photographic storytelling project has evolved into the documentary short film *FOG*. Directed by DreamWorks editor Michael Pedraza and indie writer James Mihaley, *FOG* includes original music by Bob Weir and Joe Satriani and will have its exclusive premiere at the SFJAZZ Center at 201 Franklin Street, on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 6:00pm. The event will include a reception and post-screening discussion.

For more information, visit DoctorsOutreach.org or SFAZZ.org/exhibit.

Doctors Outreach is a 501c3 organization that was founded by two Mayo Clinic educated physicians and friends Euardo Peña Dolhun, MD and Jonathan Jacobs, MD and they work with doctors, nurses, and volunteers to address community-defined healthcare concerns in a culturally relevant manner. Doctors Outreach works locally and around the world in various types of communities to help their most pressing healthcare issues, whether it be immediate needs after a natural disaster or long-term issues such as homelessness.

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