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Media Advisory

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**BAY-Peace & Back to the Start Present Reflections for Freedom:
A Powerful Dual-Film Screening and Community Dialogue on Healing,
Justice, and Liberation**

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Hosted by: BAY-Peace & Back to the Start

When: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: The New Parkway Theater, Oakland, CA. (474 24th St, Oakland, CA 94612)

Cost: Tickets are free. Registration required to guarantee a spot; food and refreshments available for purchase. Community members can reserve [TICKETS HERE](#) to join this important evening of film, storytelling, reflection, and collective visioning.

Oakland, CA — June 2026 — BAY-Peace and Back to the Start invite community members, educators, advocates, artists, youth leaders, and policymakers to attend Reflections for Freedom, a special dual-film screening featuring Reflections for Freedom and Free Our Kids on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, from 6pm-8pm at The New Parkway Theater in Oakland.

At the heart of both films are the raw, deeply personal stories and poetry of currently and formerly incarcerated individuals whose lives have been shaped by poverty, violence, incarceration, and systemic racism. Through powerful testimony, artistic expression, and lived

experience, these films challenge dominant narratives about crime, punishment, and public safety while illuminating pathways toward healing and transformation.

Following the screening, attendees will participate in an intergenerational panel discussion featuring individuals directly impacted by incarceration, community organizers, artists, and youth leaders. Assemblymember Mia Bonta, who represents Oakland and East Bay, will also be a special guest panelist. Together, panelists will explore how investments in young people, arts and culture, and community-based healing can help create a freer future—one where cycles of systemic harm and violence no longer define our communities.

“Reflections for Freedom is an opportunity to listen deeply to voices that are too often excluded from public conversations,” said event organizers. “By centering lived experience, storytelling, and collective reflection, we can better understand how cycles of harm take root—and how they can be transformed through community, accountability, and hope.”

The event aims to foster meaningful dialogue across generations, strengthen community connections, and inspire action toward systems that prioritize healing, dignity, and opportunity over punishment.

About BAY-Peace

BAY-Peace (Bay Area Peacekeepers) empowers young people to become leaders, artists, healers, and advocates who transform their communities through creative expression, civic engagement, and restorative practices.

About Back to the Start

Back to the Start uplifts stories of resilience, healing, and transformation through storytelling, arts, and community engagement that challenge harmful systems and create pathways toward liberation and belonging.

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