THE MARSHALL PROJECT launches Fall Screening and Conversation Series with We Are Witnesses

Series Kicks-Off Friday, September 28th and runs through Wednesday, October 24th



New York, Sep 24, 2018 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>**)** - The award-winning short film series *WE ARE WITNESSES*, created by The Marshall Project, a newsroom covering the criminal justice system, in partnership with Participant Media, The New Yorker, and Condé Nast Entertainment (CNÉ) is launching a series of screenings and public panel conversations featuring people who have had firsthand experience with the criminal justice system—the formerly incarcerated, crime victims, officers of the court, and more.

The fall conversation series kicks off this Friday, September 28th at the Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta with speaking remarks by Andrea Young, Executive Director of the ACLU of Georgia and lifelong civil rights activist. A screening of select episodes of the series will precede a panel discussion moderated by David Windecher, Founder, RED (Rehabilitation Enables Dreams) and featuring Carroll Bogert, President of The Marshall Project, Jonathan Barry-Blocker, Staff Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center and Alabama Voting Rights Project, and featured *WE ARE WITNESSES* film subject and Atlanta resident, Dr. Yusef Salaam, a prison reform advocate and member of the



Central Park 5. Free registration for the event is here: <u>https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/event/lifebeyond/</u>

Full Events in Series:

September 28, 2018, 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm, Atlanta, GA

We are Witnesses: Life Beyond Lock Up - A Conversation on Restoring Human Rights Post-Incarceration

The Center for Civil and Human Rights

Featured Guests: Andrea Young, Executive Director, ACLU of Georgia, David Windecher, Founder, RED, Jonathan Barry-Blocker, Staff Attorney, Southern Poverty Law Center, Carroll Bogert, President, The Marshall Project, Dr. Yusef Salaam, *We Are Witnesses* series subject prison reform advocate and member of the Central Park 5

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October 3, 2018, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, New York, NY

We Are Witnesses: Stories from the American Criminal Legal System

NYU Law School's Center for Human Rights and Global Justice and Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law

Featured Guests: Deborah Popowski, Executive Director of the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice, Neil Barsky, Chairman and Founder, The Marshall Project, Vincent Southerland, Executive Director of NYU Law's Center on Race, Inequality, and the Law, Amanda David, Assistant federal defender, the Federal Defenders of New York, Inc., and Francis Greenburger, *We Are Witnesses* series subject President & Founder, Greenburger Center for Social and Criminal Justice.

Event Registration: https://chrgj.org/event/we-are-witnesses/

October 4, 2018, 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm, Boston, MA

Power of Narrative: Telling True Stories in Turbulent Times

Boston University's College of Communication Auditorium

Featured Guests: Dick Lehr, Professor of Journalism, Boston University, Carroll Bogert, President, The Marshall Project, and Tyrell Muhammad, *We Are Witnesses* series subject, Project Associate, Correctional Association of New York, Alicia Barrazza and Doug Van Zandt, *We Are Witnesses* series subject and prison reform advocates.

Event Registration: RSVP to jodept@bu.edu

October 15, 2018, 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm, Queens, NY

Queens Library Presents We are Witnesses by The Marshall Project

Featured Guests: Dennis Walcott, President and CEO, Queens Library, Nili Ness Queens Library correctional services librarian, Ed Gavagan, *We Are Witnesses* series subject and founder of Design Starts Here and crime victim, Susan Jackson, *We Are Witnesses* series subject and parent of murdered son, John Gleeson, *We Are Witnesses* series subject, Judge, Eastern District of New York, and Lawrence Bartley, The Marshall Project Communications Associate.

October 24: The Wing, New York, NY

Justice & Gender: Women in the Criminal Justice System

Featured Guests: Jenny Carchman, Producer and Director, *We are Witnesses*, Ayana Thomas, *We Are Witnesses* series subject and formerly incarcerated mother, Carroll Bogert, President of The Marshall Project

WE ARE WITNESSES is a series of 19 short videos that give voice to those whose lives are enmeshed in the criminal justice system—the formerly incarcerated, crime victims, officers of the court, and more—and puts a human face on crime and punishment in America today. The video series is available now on The Marshall Project's website for viewing and available for any organization or school to host their own free screening and conversation on criminal justice. Visit https://www.themarshallproject.org/witnesses to watch the full series and learn more.

Trailer YouTube Link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOb6SbM4bC8

WE ARE WITNESSES on The Marshall Project Website:

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2017/10/26/we-are-witnesses

WE ARE WITNESSES Videos on YouTube for Embedding:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnttmJ0CBX4Mq7CF7bqX-WLB-6mRzbX1L



The Marshall Project (www.themarshallproject.org) is a nonprofit news organization covering the U.S. criminal-justice system. We have interviewed President Obama, are the youngest news organization to ever win a Pulitzer, and since our launch in November 2014 we have partnered with close to one hundred media organizations, reaching an audience of millions. We are motivated by the belief that for too many years the media sensationalized crime coverage while paying too little attention to the expansion of the criminal justice system and the rise of mass incarceration. We aim to redirect public attention to a broad array of issues that include policing strategies, sentencing practices, alternatives to incarceration, the treatment of juvenile offenders, recidivism, and more. To achieve this our repertoire includes deep investigative projects, narratives and profiles that put a human face on criminal justice, explanatory and contextual pieces, along with guest commentary and voices from inside the system. In all of our work, we strive to educate and enlarge the audience of people who care about the state of criminal justice.



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