



New York Immigration Coalition and BAM present *48 Hours at JFK: What Now?*, a special film screening and discussion on past and future resistance to the Trump Administration's immigration restrictions

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BAM Rose Cinemas (30 Lafayette Ave)

Jun 28 at 7:30pm

Ticket: \$10 (BAM Members), \$15 (General Public)

Jun 15, 2017/Brooklyn, NY—On January 27, President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order 13769, immediately suspending entry of citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries. Confusion at the nation's airports ensued, as well as wide-spread protests. At New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, thousands of protesters materialized spontaneously, joined by elected officials, volunteer lawyers and advocates providing assistance to many hastily detained immigrants and their families. Thirty thousand people gathered at Battery Park on January 29 for a rally led by the New York Immigration Coalition and other advocacy groups.

Although various aspects of the order have been struck down by different courts, the administration has not rescinded its policy on this issue, and the President has recently tweeted about his commitment to the "travel ban." It is far from certain that the fight is over. On June 28, the New York Immigration Coalition and BAM present *48 Hours at JFK: What Now?*, an event that will recount some of the rapid resistance to the order and discuss the recourse going forward.

The event will start with a 10-minute documentary, *48 Hours of Resistance* by Micah Shaffer, which features interviews with the lawyers and organizers who worked on the ground as well as the perspective of detainees. The film paints the full emotional picture of what those anxiety-ridden 48 hours meant for America. It will be followed by a panel discussion on "what's next." The panelists include **Camille Mackler**, director of Legal Initiatives for the New York Immigration Coalition, **Nisrin Elahim**, a Sudanese graduate student who was detained, **Murad Awawdeh**, who organized the rally at JFK, and **Ahed Festuk**, a Syrian refugee who came out to JFK to offer her services as a translator. The panel will be moderated by **Ahmed Ali Akbar**, host of *BuzzFeed's* hit podcast *See Something Say Something*.

Tickets to the event go on sale on June 16. A portion of the night's proceeds will go to support the New York Immigration Coalition and its work to advance justice for New York's four million immigrants. For ticket information, please call 718-636-4100, or visit www.BAM.org.

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About the panelists

Ahmed Ali Akbar is a writer and host of the critically-acclaimed *BuzzFeed* podcast *See Something Say Something*, where he invites a rotating group of guests to drink tea, tell stories, and talk about being Muslim in America. He writes and tweets about American Muslim culture, nostalgia, the immigrant experience, video games, and more. Follow him on twitter @radbrowndads.

Camille J. Mackler, Esq. is the director of Legal Initiatives at the New York Immigration Coalition. In that role she supports non-profit immigration attorneys and leads advocacy campaigns to improve resources for legal services as well as more just laws and policies to benefit all immigrants. Mackler has a Juris Doctorate from New York Law School and a bachelor of science in foreign service from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. She currently serves on the New York State Bar Association's Special Committee on Immigration Representation, and on the American Immigration Lawyers Association committees on Consumer Protection and Unauthorized Practice of Law (national) and Media & Advocacy (New York Chapter).

Nisrin Elamin is currently pursuing a PhD in Anthropology at Stanford University where her dissertation focuses on the varied forms of communities' resistance to land dispossession in rural Sudan. She is currently a member of African Communities Together and an educator at the Sadie Nash Leadership Project in New York City. Elamin is originally from Sudan and was detained at JFK Airport under the Muslim ban earlier this year.

Born and raised in Brooklyn as one of seven children of Palestinian immigrants, **Murad Awawdeh** has committed his life to fighting for justice. After successfully winning grassroots-led fights against noxious facilities and harmful zoning and siting proposals, Awawdeh helped change the landscape of his community through aggressive urban forestry, planning and advocating for more open space. As the director of Political Engagement at the New York Immigration Coalition, Awawdeh organized efforts around the Muslim ban and has led the resistance at JFK and across the City to fight back against the unconstitutional attack on his community.

Ahed Festuk is a Syrian refugee who came to the U.S. over a year ago and now lives in Brooklyn. Festuk went to JFK to offer her services as a translator after the travel ban.

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The New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) is an umbrella policy and advocacy organization for 175 immigrant-led and –serving groups in New York State that work with immigrants and refugees. Their mission is to unite immigrants, members, and allies so all New Yorkers can thrive. They represent the collective interests of New York’s diverse immigrant communities and organizations and devise solutions to advance them; advocate for laws, policies, and programs that lead to justice and opportunity for all immigrant groups; and build the power of immigrants and the organizations that serve them to ensure their sustainability, to improve people’s lives, and to strengthen our state. The organization has distributed thousands of safety toolkits to immigrant communities and educated nearly 10,000 immigrants of their rights; worked with law enforcement and communities to track and combat hate crimes; trained more than 300 volunteers to become “Immigration Navigators” to support lawyers and expand high-quality legal services for immigrants; and have led several high-profile protests and rallies—including Jumma prayers, a 5,000-strong rally at JFK and a 30,000-strong march through lower Manhattan to protest the Muslim ban.

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General Information

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