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Circles of Culture at UWC-USA: Public Invited to Explore!

MONTEZUMA, NM – United World College-USA will host artists and InterPlay leaders Elizabeth Mendana and Theron Shaw for an experiential evening of exploring questions of identity and circles of culture on Friday, November 14 at 7pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Race, religion, nationality, gender, orientation—these are the big labels that most of us use to define ourselves. What if we practiced understanding ourselves and others as members of hundreds of smaller circles of culture? People who eat Honeynut Cheerios on their birthdays, people who knit, people who smoke, people who love going to the opera, people who make really good tamales – what if these smaller circles of culture held a key to living multiculturally with a sense of ease and grace?

Join artists and InterPlay leaders Elizabeth Mendana and Theron Shaw for an experiential evening of exploring these questions and more! Mendana and Shaw are performers and teaching artists based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Their work combines InterPlay, modern dance, contact improvisation, theater, and music. As teachers, they use their performing arts experience to build community, engage contemporary issues and create beauty.

Mendana and Shaw perform with the InterPlay-based WingIt! Performance Ensemble, as well as with a variety of choreographers and directors in the Bay Area. Shaw is also a graduate of the United World College in Canada. Mendana is the founding Artistic Director for Mendana Productions, a dance-theater performance company focusing on multi-disciplinary storytelling and dance.

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United World College-USA is located in the northern New Mexico town of Montezuma, six miles from Las Vegas, NM. UWC-USA is one of 12 United World Colleges located on five continents dedicated to making education a force to unite people, nations, and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. Founded in 1982, UWC-USA offers a unique program of academic and experiential education for 200 students from over 80 countries.