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Rooted in Washington Heights and Inwood, People's Theatre Project (PTP) makes theatre with and for immigrant communities to build a more just and equitable world.

Now in its 16th season, PTP is Manhattan's largest performing arts organization north of Harlem. Through ensemble-based, multilingual and multigenerational programming, PTP's unique brand of theatre is a powerful artistic platform for immigrants and members of the Latine, Black, and Queer communities.

As an immigrant- and Latina-led cultural organization, PTP is an advocate for immigrant New Yorkers and the arts as a partner with the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, an active member of the Latinx Arts Consortium of New York (LXNY) steering committee, The New York Immigration Coalition's (NYIC) Immigrant Leadership Council, and Culture at 3's Anti Racism Working Group.





Working Theater believes the transformative experience of live theater should not be a privilege or a luxury, but a staple of every working person's life. Now in its 40th season, Working Theater continues its mission to produce theater for, with, and about working people—the essential workers of any city or town—and to make play-going a regular part of our audiences' cultural lives.

Our mobile unit (Five Boroughs/One City), grassroots audience engagement efforts, and pioneering arts-in-education initiatives (TheaterWorks!) have set the bar for equity in the American theater. Our work remains relevant, accessible, and affordable to all, regardless of geography or socio-economic status.





Groundbreaking Immigrant Theatre

We are dedicated to creating and producing original theatre by immigrant artists of color that celebrate hope, life, and resistance. Our professional artists, hailing from diverse backgrounds including the Dominican Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Mexico, Greece, Iran, Nigeria, South Korea, and Uganda, draw from their unique experiences to create theatre that speak to the immigrant journey, challenging stereotypes and amplifying underrepresented voices.





EDUCATIONYouth Leadership & Cultural Empowerment

Knitting arts-integrated, culturally-sustaining, critical pedagogies together, PTP endeavors to holistically serve our immigrant communities, resulting in a joyful approach to social justice and brave artist-activists determined to create a more just and equitable world.

Programming includes the **PTP Academy**, a rigorous, multi-year theatre and social justice leadership program in Upper Manhattan, and **PTP Partnerships**, experiential theatre in collaboration with schools across NYC.





Theatre as a Catalyst for Change

Sparking change lies at the heart of our mission at People's Theatre Project, and we are dedicated to using the power of theatre and cultural organizing to welcome everyone in our diverse community to this work. We support the movement for Immigrant Rights, Racial Justice, LGBTQ+ Rights, and Arts & Education Equity. Together, we can build a more inclusive and equitable world, where the voices of the marginalized are heard, and justice is not just a dream but a reality.



The People's Theatre: Centro Cultural Inmigrante











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The Mark Plesent Commission Fund supports the annual commission and development of new plays by working people. The commission provides mentorship, as well as financial and developmental support. Up to two commissions will be awarded annually to promising writers from our constituency of working people, who have not had the privilege or the resources to self-identify or support themselves professionally as artists, but who have shown extraordinary talent, consistency of practice, and a commitment to writing within the mission of Working Theater.





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