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**MACLA Presents: *Esto No Tiene Nombre* Performed by Denice Frohman**

**San José, CA** – January 15, 2025 – MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana is proud to present the West Coast debut of the full-length version of *Esto No Tiene Nombre*, a one-woman show written and performed by the acclaimed poet and performer Denice Frohman. The performances will take place from **March 21–23, 2025**, at MACLA's Castellano Playhouse in downtown San José.

*Esto No Tiene Nombre* is a powerful tribute to the oral histories of Latina lesbian elders, brought to life through a series of poignant, vivid vignettes. Denice Frohman, known for her electrifying storytelling and lyrical depth, brings to life voices gathered as part of *I See My Light Shining: Oral Histories of Our Elders*, a project curated by MacArthur Fellow Jacqueline Woodson.

These narratives, curated under Woodson's visionary guidance, serve as the foundation for Frohman's powerful exploration of identity, love, and survival. The show spans stories of resilience, connection, and joy, from pre-Stonewall police raids in Philadelphia to the intimate moments of first kisses. Frohman intertwines her own personal journey with the voices of Latina lesbian elders, including activists, barbers, lovers, and chefs, to offer a moving and multidimensional portrait of their lives and legacies.

**About Denice Frohman**

Denice Frohman is an award-winning poet, performer, and writer from New York City whose groundbreaking work explores culture, identity, queerness, and social justice. As a queer Nuyorican and the daughter of Puerto Rican and Jewish parents, Frohman uses her craft to challenge power structures and preserve cultural heritage. A former Women of the World Poetry Slam Champion, she has performed on iconic stages like The Apollo, MoMA PS1, and The White House during the Obama Administration.

Her poetry has been featured in *The New York Times*, Poem-A-Day by the Academy of American Poets, and anthologies like *Nepantla: An Anthology for Queer Poets of Color* and *The BreakBeat Poets Vol. 4: LatiNext*. Supported by

**Performance Dates:**

Friday, March, 21, 2025 – Doors: 7:30 PM | Show: 8:00 PM

Saturday, March, 22, 2025 – Doors: 7:30 PM | Show: 8:00 PM

Sunday, March, 23, 2025 (Matinée) – Doors: 1:30 PM | Show: 2:00 PM

**Tickets** available at [macla.eventbrite.com](https://macla.eventbrite.com)

\$45 Reserved Seating

\$30 General Admission

\$10 Students

**Run time:** Approximately 75 minutes



organizations such as The Pew Center for the Arts and Baldwin for the Arts, Frohman's work continues to captivate audiences worldwide.

Website: [www.denicefrohman.com](http://www.denicefrohman.com)

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#### **About MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana**

MACLA is an inclusive contemporary arts space grounded in the Chicano/Latino experience that incubates new visual, literary and performance art in order to engage people in civic dialogue and community transformation.

Founded in 1989, MACLA emerged from a broad community mobilization in San José and across the nation advocating for multicultural arts. Since its inception, MACLA has envisioned arts programming as a powerful vehicle for civic dialogue and social equity serving over 38,000 people annually and produces 50 programs each year in three core program tracts: visual arts; performance and literary arts; and youth arts education.

MACLA is located at 510 South First Street, San José, CA 95113

For tickets, additional photos, media opportunities or more details about *Esto No Tiene Nombre* and other MACLA events, visit [www.maclaarte.org](http://www.maclaarte.org), email [info@maclaarte.org](mailto:info@maclaarte.org), or call (408) 998-ARTE.

**Don't miss this unforgettable performance that celebrates Latina lesbian history, love, and resilience. Join us for *Esto No Tiene Nombre*, March 21–23, 2025, at MACLA's Castellano Playhouse!**