

June, 15-16, 2023

BORDER OF LIGHTS

Company: Tabula Rasa Dance Theater

Venue: The Gerald W. Lynch Theater at John Jay College

Location: New York, NY

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Felipe Escalante originally conceived *Border of Lights* in early 2020 to draw attention to the US- Mexican border crisis and its role in demonizing immigrants and other foreigners. While the pandemic pre-empted the premiere of his piece, its themes are more relevant today than ever, as fears of immigrants have only continued to escalate. The images of children in cages that dominated the news when Escalante began choreographing *Border of Lights* have now been superseded by pictures of asylum-seekers piling onto buses or aerial shots of them snaking in seemingly infinite lines toward the border. With its depiction of persecution and judgment and evocation of the anger and disgust felt both toward immigrants and among them, *Border of Lights* asks audiences to examine their own prejudices and to celebrate all immigrants as they look to build lives outside of their native-born countries.

Tabula Rasa Dance Theater
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<https://tabula-rasa-dance-theater.ticketleap.com/border-of-lights/>

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