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November 19, 2018, United Nations Headquarters, New York City

PLURAL+ is a Youth Video Festival focusing on the topics of migration, diversity, social inclusion and the prevention of xenophobia. It was created in 2008 as a joint initiative between the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). A network of over 50 partner organizations supports the outreach and global distribution of PLURAL+ videos.

For 10 years, PLURAL+ has provided opportunities for young people to creatively express themselves and share their inspiring stories with the world. Through these videos, youth have challenged the narratives and false perceptions on migration and diversity found in mainstream media.

Since 2009 over 2,250 video entries from 110 countries have participated in PLURAL+. Winning videos have been screened at many festivals, in schools and at conferences, as well as streamed online and broadcast on television networks around the world. In 2018 PLURAL+ received 371 video entries from 72 countries, 28 of these videos have been selected for awards. Award winning videos are from: Australia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Czech Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Guinea Bissau, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, UK, USA, and Zimbabwe.

For more information, please visit pluralplus.unaoc.org



UNAOC
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The **United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)** is a political initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General. Established in 2005, UNAOC is co-sponsored by the Governments of Spain and Turkey. On March 1st, 2013, Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser assumed the leadership of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations as High Representative. Guided by the principles of the U.N. Charter and the priorities of the Secretary-General, UNAOC works towards a more peaceful, more diverse and socially inclusive world, by building mutual respect among peoples of different cultural, ethnic and religious identities.



IOM
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Established in 1951, the **International Organization for Migration (IOM)** is the leading intergovernmental organization in the field of migration and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits migrants and society. IOM works with its partners in the international community to assist in meeting the growing operational challenges of migration, advance understanding of migration issues, encourage social and economic development through migration and uphold the well-being and human rights of migrants.

PROGRAMME

Tonight's Awards Ceremony will be hosted by

Leila Ghandi

Monaco-Moroccan bi-national TV host journalist and content producer

Welcoming Music by:

PeaceTones' album "The World United in Song"

Opening Remarks by:

H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser

High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

H.E. Mr. António Vitorino (video message)

Director General of the International Organization for Migration

PLURAL+ celebrates its 10th Anniversary

Mimesis Ensemble

Fourth movement of "The Fence, The Rooftop, and The Distant Sea"
by Syrian-American composer Kinan Azmeh

Be There (India)

PLURAL+ 2018 International Jury Award (age group up to 12)

Future News (Spain)

PLURAL+ 2018 International Jury Award (age group 13-17)

False Hope (Philippines)

PLURAL+ 2018 International Jury Award (age group 18-25)

Keynote speech by Jose Antonio Vargas

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

Mimesis Ensemble

Cantata "Por ti" from "Manos Indocumentadas"
composed by Edith Alomar and Jorge Lockward

"I am not Dangerous" (Afghanistan/Greece)

PLURAL+ 2018 Special Award for the Prevention of Xenophobia

Chaker Khazaal

Palestinian-Canadian reporter, writer, speaker

Receiving the Special Award for the Prevention of Xenophobia on behalf of Fridoon Joinda

PLURAL+ 2018 Award Winning videos compilation

Closing Remarks by:

Jordi Torrent

UNAOC Project Manager for Media Literacy Education

Rahma Soliman

IOM Migration Officer, Media and Communications

FEATURED GUESTS AND PERFORMERS

Leila Ghandi is a Monaco-Moroccan bi-national TV host journalist and content producer with millions of viewers on TV and an audience of nearly a million people on her digital platform, Leila Ghandi is an influencer advocating for women empowerment, inspiring the youths, the protection of the environment, the promotion of dialogue between cultures and the fight against extremism. In 2017 she was selected by the Aspen Institute to be part of a 30 people class of Young European Leaders. Ms. Ghandi has been selected to be among the 50 high level women coming from the Mediterranean region to take part to the Women Forum in Rome. leilaghandi.com

Jose Antonio Vargas is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and a leading voice for the human rights of immigrants. He is the founder and CEO of Define American, the nation's leading non-profit media and culture organization that fights injustice and anti-immigrant hate through the power of storytelling. In 2011, the New York Times Magazine published a ground-breaking essay he wrote in which he revealed and chronicled his life in America as an undocumented immigrant. A year later, he appeared on the cover of TIME magazine worldwide with fellow undocumented immigrants as part of a follow-up cover story he wrote. "Documented" a documentary produced and directed by Mr. was aired on CNN, streamed on Netflix, and received a 2015 NAACP Image Award nomination for Outstanding Documentary. His recent memoir, "Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen," was published by HarperCollins in fall 2018. joseantoniovargas.com

Chaker Khazaal is a Palestinian-Canadian reporter, speaker, former Editor-in-Chief of StepFeed and YallaFeed, Huffington Post contributor, and author of "Tale of Tala" (2017) and the "Confessions of a War Child" trilogy (2013-2015). Mr. Khazaal is an advocate for refugees and aspiring young writers. In 2015, Esquire Middle East named him Man of the Year; and in 2016, Mr. Khazaal was ranked first by Arabian Business Magazine in the 100 Most Powerful Arabs Under 40. In December 2016, he was awarded the Global Trailblazer together with Arianna Huffington by New York based NGO Bridges of Understanding. Mr. Khazaal has spoken at a number of platforms including United Nations Headquarters (New York), HuffPost Live, Google (San Francisco), msnbc's Road Map show, International Youth Conference (Bahrain), Thomson Reuters Foundation (London), the launch of the 8th Arab Youth Survey (Dubai), and Harvard Arab World Conference 2017 (Jordan). chakerkhazaal.com

The Mimesis Ensemble is a New York-based ensemble dedicated to the performance of music from the 20th and 21st centuries. Founded in 2008 by pianist Katie Reimer, Mimesis performs regularly at venues such as Carnegie Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, Symphony Space and the Miller Theatre at Columbia University. mimesisensemble.org

Kinan Azmeh, has been hailed as a "Virtuoso" and "Intensely Soulful" by the New York Times and "Spellbinding" by the New Yorker, and "Incredibly Rich Sound" by the CBC. Mr. Azmeh utterly distinctive sound across different musical genres has gained him international recognition as clarinetist and composer, he has been touring the world as soloist, composer and improviser. Notable appearances include: Opera Bastille, Paris; Tchaikovsky Grand Hall, Moscow; Carnegie Hall, New York; the Royal Albert hall, London; Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires; der Philharmonie; Berlin; the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, Washington DC; the Mozarteum, Salzburg, and the Damascus opera house for its opening concert in his native Syria. kinanazmeh.com

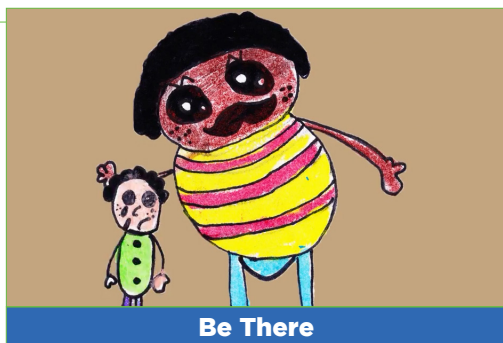
Edith Alomar serves as Bishop with the Gathering Place Global Ministries, Inc. and has been in Ministry for over 40 years. Though she has served in many leadership roles, her passion has been music and the dramatic arts. In 2014 she was commissioned by The National Plan For Hispanic Latino Ministries Of The United Methodist Church and The Global Praise Program Of The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church to create a cantata on Immigration. As a result, Manos Indocumentadas (Undocumented Hands) was born.

Jorge Lockward was born in the Dominican Republic to a family with strong artistic and musical traditions. A pianist, arranger and choir conductor, Mr. Lockward's credits include entries in several denominational hymnals, and editing work in multiple volumes of Global Song including Singing the Sacred: Musical Gifts from Native American Communities, Put Your Arms Around the World: Global Songs and Activities for Children, and For Everyone Born: Global Songs for an Emerging Church.

Tonight The Mimesis Ensemble features Kinan Azmeh, clarinet; Alexander Fortes, violin; Yuri Namkung, violin; Rachyl Duffy, viola; Valeriya Sholokhova, cello; Mayra Francisco, soprano; and Katie Reimer, piano.

PeaceTones' album The World United in Song, was produced by jazz musician and human rights lawyer **David Levy**. The album features 11 original songs and videos recorded with musicians living in refugee camps, post-conflict zones and the developing world. The music depicts the stories of those who have endured untold suffering, and does so through their own voice. PeaceTones.org

FEATURED AWARD-WINNING VIDEOS



Age Category: up to 12 years old | India

By Mohd Ayaan, Gaurika, Anshika, Aadhyaa, Nitya, Divit and students of CHIHN program at the Tagore International

- PLURAL+2018 International Jury Award
- PLURAL+2018 CDI Togo Award
- PLURAL+2018 The Peacemaker Corps Award

A group of children refuse to attend school because their classmates are bullying them. They discuss their fears with their mothers. When a child is excluded and bullied, all they need is care and someone to listen.



Age Category: 13 to 17 years old | Spain

By Leo Humphreys, Ignacio Nieto, Lola Parrilla, Claudia Mate, Kique Parrilla and students of Taller Telekids.

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- PLURAL+2018 The Paley Center for Media Award
- PLURAL+2018 CEAR Award

A group of children send a message to the present from the year 2047. The message conveys the importance of tolerance, peace, social inclusion, politics, economics and climate change.



Age Category: 18 to 25 years old | Philippines

By Al-jhun Romel Virgo, Ella Mae Gonzales, Francis Atendido, Angelikka Eden Garcia, Princess Jazmine Garcia and Angela Given Formanes.

- PLURAL+2018 International Jury Award
- PLURAL+2018 CHINH INDIA Award
- PLURAL+2018 SIGNIS Award

A young girl in the Philippines moves from a small village to the bustling city of Manila in pursuit of a better life for her family. From tall buildings to busy streets, her first day in the city is not easy. Everything seems different. Will she overcome the judgment of the people around her and the homesickness she is feeling?



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By Fridoon Joinda

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- PLURAL+2018 SIMN Award

Refugees appear one by one in front of the camera, stating where they come from, what their job is, and how long they have been stranded on the island of Lesbos, in Greece. They confront the viewer's stereotypes. They are not dangerous, they are not criminals, they are human.

PLURAL+ 2018 INTERNATIONAL JURY



Theodore Boborol
Filmmaker, TV Director
(Philippines)



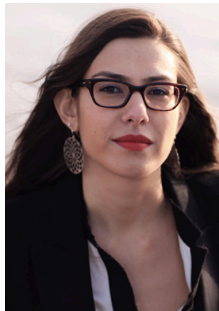
Leila Ghandi
TV Host, Producer
(Morocco)



Idil Ibrahim
Filmmaker (USA-Somalia)



Teymour Ghaderi
Filmmaker, Screen Writer
(Iran)



Márcia Mayer
Filmmaker
(Brazil)



Letitia Zwickert
Educator
(USA)

PLURAL+2018 Pre-Selection Committee

Margot Amram, Dogan Asik, Coralie Bru, Francesca Carini, Regina Casale, Thibault Chareton, Edward Dioduargi, Rebekah Fisk, Lewis Freeman, Anne-Sophie Fernandes, Deysi Carina Flores Vigo, Xin Guo, Hannelore Gomes, Nuha Hamarsha, Suzanne Harvey, Paloma Haschke-Joseph, Elena Maria Hernandez Martinez, Matthew Hodes, Ibrahim Khazzaka, Efrain Joselo Lucero, Julie Ann Ladanani, Avery Leigh White, Joana Malta Gomes, Amira Nassim, Abdirahman Olow, Sara Onvani, Mohamed Osman, Mohammed Osman, Anna Pavlyuchenko, Jennifer Pro, Caroline Quigley, Harut Sarian, Matteo Sestito, Jessica Sirico, Rahma Soliman, Vanessa Suen, Jordi Torrent, Mariam Traore Chazalnoel, Bram Van Haver, Emmanuelle Wiley, Xiaopan Ye

PLURAL+2018 Team

Jordi Torrent (UNAOC), Rahma Soliman (IOM), Elena Hernandez (UNAOC), Ana-Sofia Fernandez (IOM), Julie Ann Ladanani (UNAOC)

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Beyond What You See | Age Category 18-25 | Indonesia

By Baskara Adiena Hutomo, Shellyn Fortuna, Al Fikram Reza Maulana, Bayu Samudra Dewantara, Fikri Arif Rahmadi and Matahari Dyah Arianne.

- PLURAL+ 2018 Balobeshayi Award

Born Lucky! | Age Category 13-17 | USA

By Patrick Schramm

- PLURAL+ 2018 Peacemaker Corps Association Award

Color Makes the World Better | Age Category Up to 12 | Mexico

By Carlo Villanueva Ruiz, Silvana Villanueva Ruiz, Luciano Villanueva Ruiz, Claudia Ruiz and Moremil Tornero.

- PLURAL+ 2018 Peacemaker Corps Association Award

Colorblind | Age Category 13 to 17 | Czech Republic

By Šimon Černík, Daniel Palma, Artur Ország and Skyler Sherman.

- PLURAL+2018 WADADA News for Kids Award
- PLURAL+2018 Danube - Media Education Centre Award

Cross Worlds | Age Category 18-25 | Lebanon/USA

By Nour El Hoda Wahid

- PLURAL+2018 SIMA Award
- PLURAL+2018 Children's Film Festival Seattle Award

Cultural Diversity | Age Category 18-25 | Guinea Bissau

By Adul Embalo, Flavio Gomes Sambú, Piero Meda, Paola Toncich, Lucky Dja, Fernando N'Dafa and Camnate N'Bundé N'Dami.

- PLURAL+2018 Nexos Alianza Association Award

Dear Refugee | Age Category 13-17 | USA

By Hersch Pathak and Hayaa Chhaya.

- PLURAL+2018 FERA Lucero Award
- PLURAL+2018 GLOBAL Kids for Kids - Media Education Centre Award

EnGULFed | Age Category 18-25 | Ghana/Egypt

By Kojo Owiredo Kissi, Neama Naguib, Peacemaker Masemene, Eric Nshimirimana, Meda Elkholy and Esi Yamoah

- PLURAL+2018 UN Video Award

Enough To The War In Syria! | Age Category Up to 12 | Mexico

By Leysy Ruth Morales, Ariadna Abigail Gómez, Juan Antonio Gonzalez, Santiago Ortiz, Romina Valera, Carolina Castañon and 5th grade students of Instituto Pedagógico para Problemas del Lenguaje

- PLURAL+2018 Reza Visual Academy Award

I Hope There Is No Class Tomorrow | Age Category 13 to 17 | Spain

By Destiny Osarumwense, Saioa García-La Omega, Andrés Cardona-Rolo, Marleny Díaz, Issa Diallo, Esti Domínguez, Ismael Sterlin and Nerea Torrente, graffiti made by Diego Berruete-Sinpa.

- PLURAL+ 2018 Cine y Salud Award

Get Outside Tasmania | Age Category 18 to 25 | Australia

By Jobi Starick and Ginger Rankin

- PLURAL+2018 PLURAL+ Honorary Award

Is Being Raped The End Of The Victims Lives? |

Age Category 18-25 | Bangladesh

By Neelana Naushin, Mehedi Hasan, Mashiat Sharif and Arshia Rashid

- PLURAL+2018 Reel Grrls Award

Let Me Breathe With My Dream | Age Category 18-25 | Bangladesh

By Novera Nikkon, Maliha Chowdury and Nandita Nandini - Dhruap Communication

- PLURAL+ 2017 Italian Movie Award

Life Without Borders | Age Category 18-25 | Iran

By Niousha Vafamanesh, Dena Razmehr, Kimia Ghavami, Shadi Rouhshahbaz, Mohsen Seyed Ahmadi and Siavash Chavoshi.

- PLURAL+2018 The Paley Center for Media Award
- PLURAL+2018 Balkan - Media Education Center Award

Oralman | Age Category 13-17 | Kazakhstan

By Abylaikhan Mustafin, Sagymbay Mekesh and Dias Kabykesh.

By PLURAL+2018 Reza Visual Academy Award

Social Labels | Age Category 13-17 | Spain

By Nihad Bunif, Beatrice Morillo, Sharib Ali, Romaysa Azahri, Ashrab Masebab, Bertha Toro, Natalia Pérez and Danae Meroño.

- PLURAL+2018 UN Video Award
- PLURAL+2018 CINEMES GIRONA Award

South Wind | Age Category 13-17 | Spain

By Samuel Navarro, Yaiza Sola, Sergio Angulo, Brisa Olmedo, Zuleima Garcia, Ahmed Hmar, Alex Inta, Rebecca Arguedas and students from Rodanas High School.

- PLURAL+2018 Honorary Award

The Quiet | Age Category 18-25 | Philippines

By Aldrich Rosano, Angeliza Arceño, Paola Eurielle Rosano, Rolex Lambert Chavez, Ricky Gumban and Carlene Santolices.

- PLURAL+2018 MediaBus Award

Threads | Age Category 13-17 | Spain

By Lucas Ruiz Orellana, Juan Manuel Macías Gutierrez, Anna Casal Duran, Ines Labrador Candón and Cristina Labrador Candón

- PLURAL+2018 Cine y Salud Awards

Translate Into Power | Age Category 18-25 | Portugal

By Andreia Friaças, António Castelo and Márcia Canelas

- PLURAL+2018 Balobeshayi Award

Unbreakable | Age Category 18-25 | Kenya

By Dandora Music - Elisha Adhiambo, Fode Gesaka, Chris Oyolla, Francis Demesi and Stephen Okoth

- PLURAL+2018 IOM Migration Research and Training Center Award
- PLURAL+2018 Reza Visual Academy Award

Voices of the Lake | Age Category 13-17 | Brazil

By João Adams Samora.

- PLURAL+2018 TAL-Television America Latina Award
- PLURAL+2018 FACIUNI Award

When Words Fail, Music Speaks | Age Category 18-25 | Iraq

By Mustafa Nader, Francesca Fanshawe, Sara Helmy, Rebaka and Domnec

- PLURAL+2018 United For Peace Film Festival (UFPFF) Award

Where Is Home? | Age Category 18-25 | Zimbabwe

By Tapiwa Katsaya, Mestar Munashe, Munashe Chitsiga, Kuda Bryan Bwititi, Vernon Terera and Joe Mangwizi

- PLURAL+2018 UN Video Award

Xenophobia | Age Category 13-17 | India

By Sanchit, Raghav, Arshea, Anika, Tania, Vibhor, Aditya, Samayata, Mayank, Shaivi, Rohan, Manan, and students from Tagore International School.

- PLURAL+2018 CHINH India Award

Young Minds - Talk Solutions | Age Category 18-25 | UK

By Edenamiuki Aigubasimwin, Pishdaad Modaressi Chahardehi, Timothy Spinks, Jada Turner and Amen Dhesi

- PLURAL+2018 Balobeshayi Award
- PLURAL+2018 COPEAM Award
- PLURAL+2018 AFS Intercultural Program Award