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New Art Moves Project installation planned for this weekend

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Art Moves Project continues to create new forms of public art for the Lafayette community by commissioning California-based artists and choreographers from varying disciplines and backgrounds, using non-traditional and socially relevant themes.

The result is a temporary outdoor multisensory experience.

AMP will present its third annual public art installation, "You Me Us: In Community," with dance on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, at Plaza Park, which includes two free performances at 5 and 6:30 p.m. each day. "You Me Us: In Community" is a study of how dance, film, music and sound converge to create a unifying community experience.

This year's installation explores us as a community: our stories of arrival, the assumptions and views we brought with us and how they change over time. "You Me Us: In Community" delves further into these questions through an exploration of native versus non-native plant ecosystems.

What can we learn about ourselves as individuals and ourselves in community through the flowers and trees in the hills that surround us, or from the weeds in the cracks of our sidewalks?

How do their stories reflect our own? How do these non-native plants arrive, assimilate, integrate, resist and persist?

How do they change the existing native plant community? How did we arrive here?

"I'm so excited and grateful to be working with AMP on such a meaningful project. They have a true spirit of exploration and an openness to experimentation that I haven't always encountered elsewhere," says Charmaine Koh, visual artist on "You Me Us: In Community." "Working with them has helped me push my own limits, and to experience the amazing things that can be achieved in community."

Adults and children alike will have the chance to experience the result of this unique Art Moves Project collaboration and will be invited to participate by sharing their thoughts on "You Me Us: In Community" by writing on an interactive installation.

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