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Traces of the Trade

About the film:

In **Traces of the Trade**, producer and director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.

"A far-reaching personal documentary examination of the slave trade...

The implications of the film are devastating."

- Stephen Holden, The New York Times.



Our Speakers



Katrina Browne - Director and Producer

Katrina produced and directed Traces of the Trade, and founded the Tracing Center on Histories and Legacies of Slavery. Prior to launching this film and family process, Katrina served as Outreach Planning Coordinator for the film adaptation of Anna Deavere Smith's play Twilight: Los Angeles. Previously she was a senior staff person at Public Allies, an AmeriCorps program operating in twenty-one cities that she co-founded in 1991. She has an MA in Theology from the Pacific School of Religion where she wrote a thesis on film and democratic dialogue.



Dima Yared - Human Rights Officer

Dima is a human rights officer at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) - Regional office for Europe (ROE) in Brussels. Prior to joining ROE, she worked in OHCHR headquarters in Geneva where she was assisting the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Previously, she worked on the Universal Periodical Review as well as within the Rule of Law section at OHCHR, and at an NGO engaging armed non-state actors on the involvement of children in armed conflict.



Zuzanna Muskat-Gorska - Policy Advisor at the International Trade Union Confederation

Zuzanna works as a Policy Advisor for the International Trade Union Confederation, Equality Department. Her work focuses on non-discrimination and equality issues, including HIV/AIDS and trafficking for labour exploitation. Previously she worked with the Health on the Net Foundation, Geneva, and with the Polish trade union organization NSZZ "Solidarnosc" as a human rights and international labour standards specialist. She holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of Poznan, Poland, an MA in Sociology of Law from the Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain, and an MA in Industrial Sociology from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

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MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF SLAVERY AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE - 25 March 2013



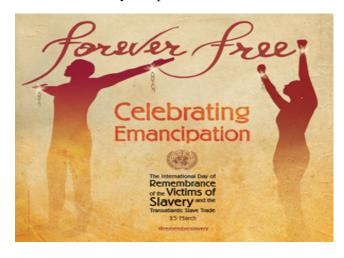
The transatlantic slave trade raged for 400 years and claimed more than 15 million victims. Africans and people of African descent were victims of these brutal acts and continue to suffer the consequences. On the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, we tell the world to never forget this global crime against humanity.

We must never forget the torture, rape and killing of innocent men, women and children, the families that were separated, the lives that were uprooted, and the horrific conditions on slave ships, plantations and at slave markets. These degradations cannot be buried by time; they must be examined, understood and addressed.

As we reflect on the contemporary consequences of this tragedy, let us remember the bravery of those who risked everything for freedom and those who helped them on that perilous path. Their courage should inspire us as we struggle against contemporary forms of slavery, racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related intolerance.

This year, along with sombre reflection, we have special reason to celebrate. We mark 150 years since Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing millions of African-Americans from enslavement. This year also marks other milestones. In 1833, slavery ended in Canada, the British West Indies and the Cape of Good Hope. Some 170 years ago, the Indian Slavery Act of 1843 was signed. Slavery was abolished 165 years ago in France; 160 years ago in Argentina; 150 years ago in the former Dutch colonies; and 125 years ago in Brazil.

On this Day, let us pledge to honour and restore the dignity of affected people and to intensify efforts to eliminate the remnants of slavery that persist in our world.



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