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Vietnamese Boat People *debuts* “Our Journeys” a storytelling exhibition at Think!Chinatown’s Studio



New York, NY – September 7–28, 2025

Vietnamese Boat People (VBP) is proud to announce *Our Journeys: 50 Years After the Fall*, a multimedia storytelling exhibition opening September 7, 2025, at Think!Chinatown’s Studio (1 Pike Street, NYC 10002). Featuring a powerful collection of oral histories, personal artifacts, and community-driven reflections, *Our Journeys* centers the voices of Vietnamese Americans and invites audiences to trace the emotional, historical, and cultural threads of migration across generations.

Since 2018, VBP has preserved the untold stories of the Vietnamese diaspora through its acclaimed podcast, community recordings, and grassroots storytelling initiatives. *Our Journeys* marks a culmination of these efforts, transforming oral histories into a deeply human and visual experience. From personal narratives to meaningful artifacts, the exhibition reveals how stories and objects carry the weight of memory, fostering intergenerational connection and healing.

Opening with a timeline, the exhibition shares stories reflecting the journeys of Vietnamese refugees right after the Fall of Saigon in 1975. It then features personal objects, media loops, and a global map where visitors can trace their own migration journeys. Conversation cards spark intergenerational dialogue and invite guests to add their stories to VBP’s digital archives. At its core, the exhibition shows storytelling as both inheritance and offering—a bridge between past and future, pain and resilience. After its NYC debut, the show will travel to other U.S. cities.

“This show is not only about where we’ve been,” says Tracey Nguyễn Mang, founder of Vietnamese Boat People. “It’s about where we’re going, and how our stories can light the path for others seeking hope and belonging. It’s an invitation for all communities to reflect on the impact of displacement and the incredible strength it takes to rebuild.”

“Think!Chinatown is so honored to host this meaningful exhibition,” says Yin Kong, executive director of Think!Chinatown. “We believe in the power of sharing stories in intergenerational spaces. The stories Vietnamese Boat People bring to light are so important to hear.”

Our Journeys is made possible with support from the Henry Luce Foundation, the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the Asian Women Giving Circle, and many private donors. Curated by Tracey Nguyễn Mang and Sophia Ma, with exhibition design by Thinc Design and fabrication by Joshua Warner Studios, the show reflects VBP’s ongoing commitment to amplifying marginalized voices and connecting generations through storytelling. The exhibition is free and open to the public from September 7–28, 2025.

Join us in honoring the resilience of a community shaped by loss and love—and in celebrating the power of story to hold us together. Visit <https://www.vietnameseboatpeople.org/exhibition> for more details.

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Press Invite

Please join us for a special press preview of the exhibition on **September 5, 2025, 6:00–8:00 pm**.

Presented by: Vietnamese Boat People

Exhibition Dates: September 7–28, 2025 – Public Opening, Free

Venue: Think!Chinatown, 1 Pike Street, New York, NY 10002

Check Website for Gallery Hours: <https://www.vietnameseboatpeople.org/exhibition>

Private group viewings are available upon request.

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Special Opening Preview & Celebration on September 6, 2025, 2:30–6pm.

Get Tickets Here https://givebutter.com/VBP_OurJourneys

About Vietnamese Boat People

Vietnamese Boat People (VBP) is a nonprofit organization based in Montclair, New Jersey, dedicated to preserving and sharing the stories of the Vietnamese diaspora. Established in 2018, our mission is to amplify these stories, educate and inspire, and foster meaningful connections. The organization's name, Vietnamese Boat People, initially paid tribute to the millions of refugees who fled Vietnam by boat. Since then, the organization has evolved and is dedicated to supporting all stories from the Vietnamese diaspora community. Through innovative storytelling, digital archives, and community-driven programs, we provide accessible platforms for communities to engage with these narratives.

About Think!Chinatown

Think!Chinatown is a place-based intergenerational non-profit in Manhattan's Chinatown, working at the intersection of storytelling, arts and neighborhood engagement. We believe the process of listening, reflecting and celebrating develops the community cohesion and trust necessary to work on larger neighborhood issues. By building strength from within our neighborhood, we can shape better policies and programs that define our public spaces, celebrate our cultural heritage, and innovate how our collective memories are represented.