

# Gómez-Peña & La Pocha Nostra Takeover Hull-House



Casa Museo S.F.

Photo by Robert Gomez Hernandez,  
courtesy of Guillermo Gómez-Peña

Join [Guillermo Gómez-Peña](#) and La Pocha Nostra for a fully immersive and performative activation of the [Casa Museo](#) exhibition for an afternoon of interactive live imagery, music, poetry, and calls for action by the audience. Directed by Gómez-Peña, special guest performers DRAGONFLY (Robin LaVerne Wilson), Balitronica, Aranza Cortés, and others inhabit, haunt, and activate Jane Addams's office, bedroom, the Hull-House courtyard, and other spaces in the historic home.

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# Program video

This was a new activation in Gómez-Peña's decades-long effort to challenge anthropological and museum practices and generate temporary sites of radical democratic engagement. The day-long take-over featured interactive live imagery, lectures, poetry, tarot card readings, and calls for the audience to consider how museums of the future can cross borders between individuals and neighborhoods to serve the public good.

This video captures a day of activations by performers who encroached on museum respectability and challenged American democratic myths. Performers activated Jane Addams' bedroom as a space of intimate queer desire, played with themes of death and regrowth during the Fall season, and engaged with the history of racialized mob violence during Jane Addams' lifetime. Gómez-Peña provided the soundtrack to the day-long take-over and, in this video, performs "The Casa Museo Jam," a multilingual meditation and a call for ongoing interventions that break down borders of all kinds.

Featuring: Guillermo Gómez-Peña's La Pocha Nostra members: Balitronica, Emma Tramosch, Aranza Cortez' Special Guest Performer: DRAGONFLY (Robin LaVerne Wilson); and Performance Assistants: Alé Campos, MahNu, Carrisa Lee Pinckney, Amaya, and Celeste.

Video by Bob. (Robert Chase Heishman & Robert Salazar).

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**October 21, 2021 2:00-5:00pm**

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