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## Arahmaiani brings Flags Project to Charleston

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Arahmaiani, "The Flags Project

Indonesian artist Arahmaiani will hold a street performance on Sunday, May 15th in downtown Charleston. The Flags Project is a community-based, ecologically driven street performance that has been performed in European and Asian countries in order to develop collective creativity and community dialogue.

Arahmaiani will organize flag bearers to walk with her, carrying flags that bear words meant to evoke joy and harmony. The flag bearers will start at the College Charelston's Alumni Center at 86 Wentworth Street at 1:30 p.m. and move between various downtown locations. The walk ends at 3 p.m. at KKBE synagogue at Hassell Street with an interfaith choral performance. The general public is invited to walk with the performers.

Arahmaiani's work is recognized the world over for its political, social and cultural commentary. She was born in Bandung, Indonesia in 1961 and has been describy the New York Times as a "dynamic and courageous artist." Most recently, a 2018 retrospective on her work, Arahmaiani: The Past Has Not Passed, debuted at Museum MACAN in Jakarta.

The event is the first for the Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts' Charleston Residency Program. The program will bring artists, performers, and writers to Charleston for collaborations and residencies. The Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts is a non-profit organization that nurtures connections between contemporary art and faith.

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