



**Janet McFetridge**, Plattsburgh Cares board member

**Paula Allen**, Internationally acclaimed photographer

**Adrian Carr**, Grammy-nominated composer/pianist

**Friday, December 9th, 6:30 pm**

**Newman Center, 90 Broad St, Plattsburgh NY**

The public is invited to the Plattsburgh PREMIERE of *THE BACK DOOR*, a collaboration between Janet McFetridge, social justice activist and recipient of the 2019 Spirit of John Brown Freedom Award; Paula Allen, photographer; and Adrian Carr, composer/pianist

***STOP. It is illegal to cross the border here or any place other than a Port of Entry. You will be detained and arrested if you cross here.***

This is the sign read by tens of thousands of asylum seekers at the end of a long journey from distant places like Central America, Africa, and the Middle East. They've taken planes, trains, and buses to reach an irregular border crossing between Champlain, New York and Canada named **Roxham Road**, about 20 miles north of Plattsburgh.

Six days a week, since early 2017, Janet McFetridge greets the often frightened and apprehensive individuals and families who find their way to this dead end road. She exhibits a rare kindness, showing the way to the path to a safer, more hopeful life in Canada.

"I want these people to know that the last American they meet before leaving the country cares what happens to them," said McFetridge.

In July 2018, Paula Allen began to document the depth of courage and strength humans possess under desperate circumstances and Janet's humanitarian gestures of handing a toy to each child or a warm item of clothing to an asylum seeker whose material possessions are reduced to a suitcase or satchel.

Allen's presentation will be accompanied by Adrian Carr on the piano. Join us to learn the amazing story of how and why Roxham Road has become a modern-day underground railroad

**Suggested Donation \$10**

**If you are able, please bring a small item of outerwear (gloves, hat, scarves) or a small stuffed animal that Janet can pass along to refugees.**

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