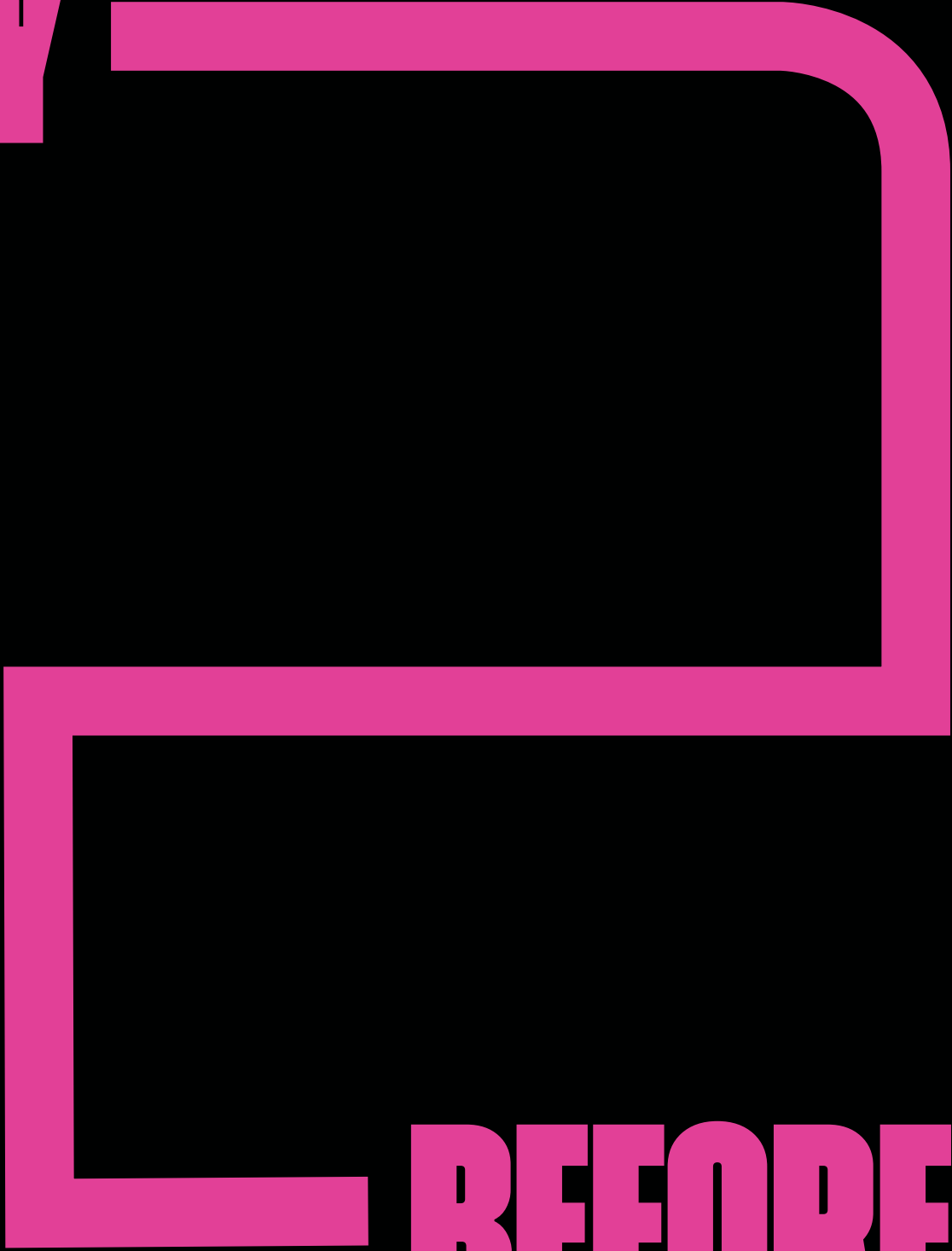


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2024 OSLO FREEDOM FORUM
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BEFORE

EVENTS & RECEPTIONS

WELCOME FJORD CRUISE

International media and human rights activists connected during the Welcome Fjord Cruise aboard the Riva Italia on June 2.



COMMUNITY RECEPTION

On the eve of the Forum, attendees caught up at the Community Reception and enjoyed the captivating works of Iranian cartoonist and prisoner of conscience Atena Farghadani.



PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

The Human Rights Foundation's major supporters boarded the Riva Italia for the annual President's Reception, a special opportunity for donors and allies to connect.



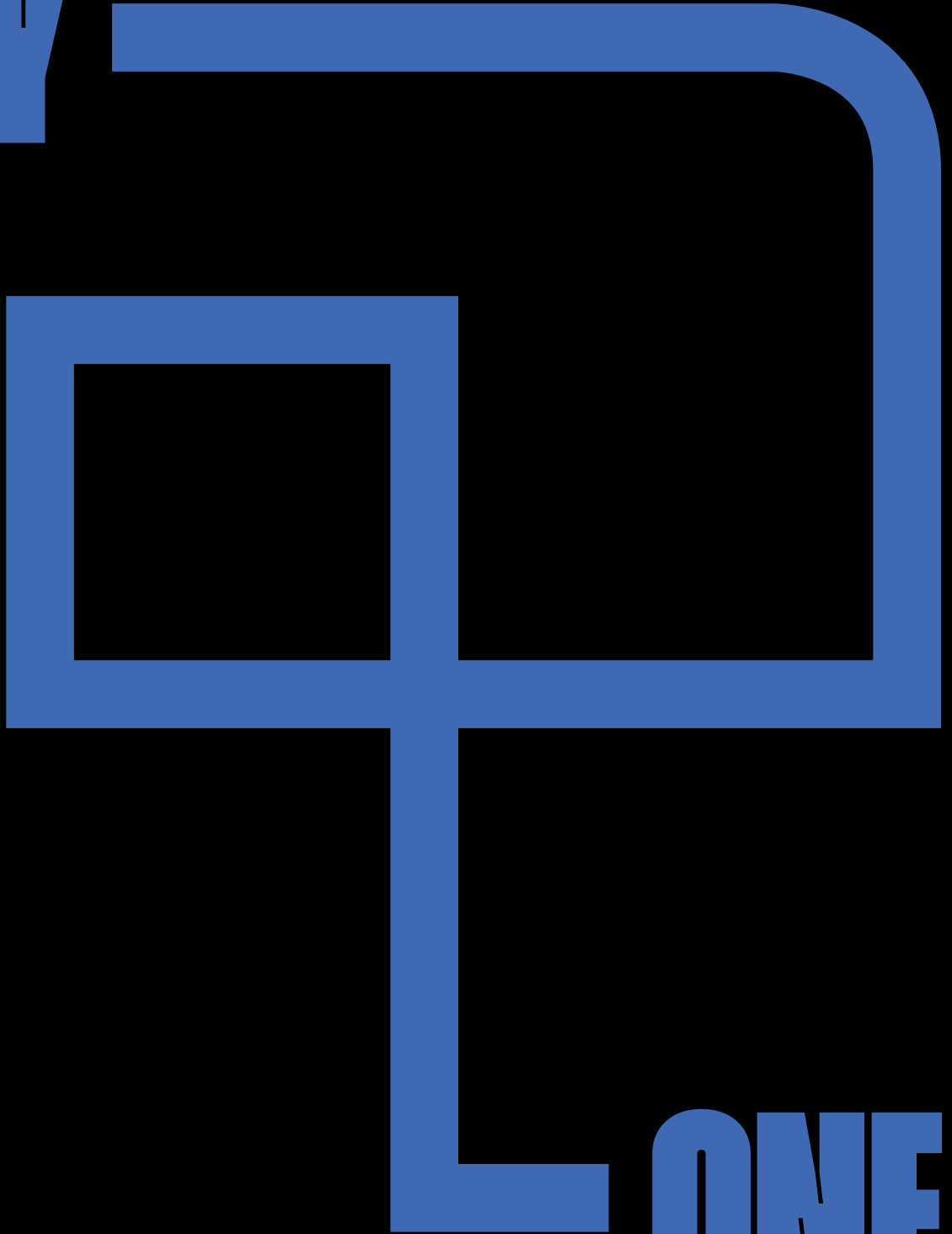
SPEAKER DINNER

At the Speaker Dinner, Paul Rusesabagina, the real-life hero of “Hotel Rwanda,” gave remarks alongside his wife Tatiana and daughters Carine and Anaise. The event united our main stage speakers with key HRF supporters and community members.





DAY



ONE

THEATER

ANNE LINDBOE

Anne Lindboe, the Mayor of Oslo, gave opening remarks on June 3.



AUDIENCE

On the inaugural day of speeches, performances, and panels, the theater was packed and enthusiastic about the programming ahead.





THEATER

FAISAL AL MUTAR

Faisal Al Mutar, founder and president of Ideas Beyond Borders, presented
"From Civil War to Civil Discourse."



THEATER

OLGA GONZÁLEZ

Olga González, a Venezuelan human rights activist who has worked tirelessly for justice in her husband's 2017 murder, presented "Defying Maduro's Bullets."



THEATER

MARÍA CORINA MACHADO

María Corina Machado, a Venezuelan opposition leader and presidential candidate, in conversation with Thor Halvorssen, CEO of HRF and founder of Oslo Freedom Forum.



MARIA CORINA MACHADO

Venezuelan Opposition Leader
& Presidential Candidate

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THEATER

AHMED ALKHATIB

Ahmed Alkhatib, a Palestinian-American peace advocate, presented "Breaking the Cycle of Dehumanization."



THEATER

JERUSALEM YOUTH CHOIR

The Jerusalem Youth Chorus, a choral and dialogue program for Palestinian and Israeli youth in Jerusalem, performed an original song written following the Oct. 7 attacks.



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THEATER

AGATHER ATUHAIRE

Agather Atuhaire, a Ugandan lawyer, journalist, and digital activist, presented “Uganda’s Public Whistleblower.”



THEATER

MASIH ALINEJAD

Masih Alinejad, an Iranian journalist and human rights activist, alongside protesters Sima Moradbeigi, Kosar Eftekhari, and Zahiar Tondro, spoke on the “Women, Life, Freedom” protests in Iran.





THEATER

DR. BESSEL VAN DER KOLK

Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, the pioneering trauma researcher, clinician, and author, presented “The Body Keeps the Score: Restoring an Inner Sense of Safety.”



THEATER

CARLOS CHAMORRO

Carlos Chamorro, a renowned Nicaraguan journalist living in exile, presented “Nicaragua Will Be A Republic Again.”



THEATER

SAM RAINSY

Sam Rainsy, the co-founder of Cambodia's main opposition party, presented "An End to Impunity in Cambodia."



THEATER

CARLOS VIVES

Carlos Vives, Grammy Award-winning Colombian singer-songwriter, gave an uplifting performance at the Oslo Konserthus.



GAZA: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

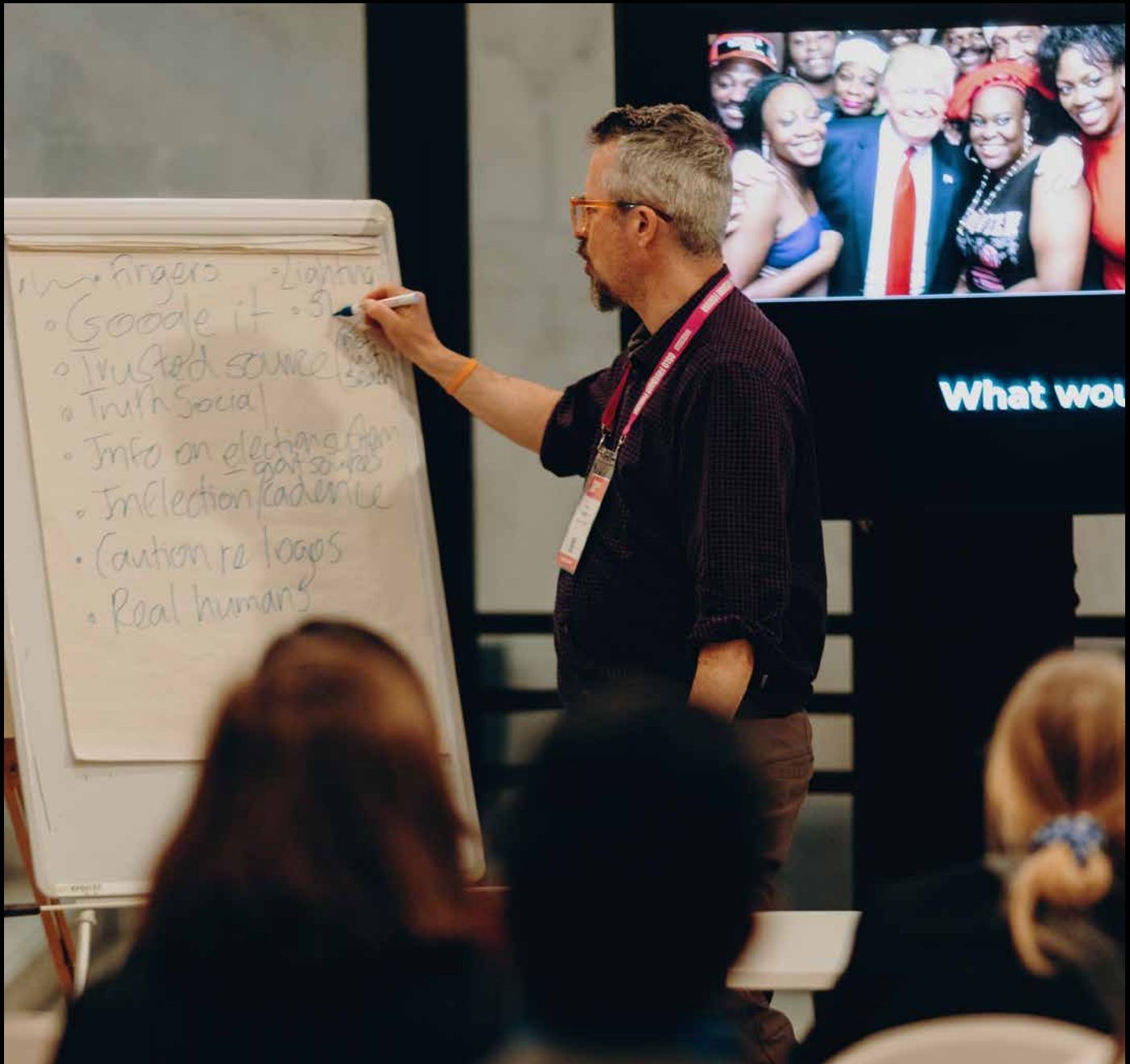
Moderator: Hilde Sandvik, journalist, author, and creator of the award-winning podcast “Norsken, svensken og dansken”

Panelists: Espen Barth Eide, the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs; Gershon Baskin, a political and social activist; Marie Antoinette Sedin, ambassador of Palestine to Norway and Iceland; and Mustafa Barghouti, the leader of the Palestinian National Initiative



GETTING REAL WITH AI

Speaker: Sam Gregory, the executive director of WITNESS



DEFEATING THE ENABLERS

Moderator: Casey Michel, HRF's Combating Kleptocracy program director

Panelists: Bill Browder, the head of the Global Magnitsky Justice Campaign; Aage Borchgrevink, a senior adviser at the Norwegian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights; and Yaqiu Wang, research director for China at Freedom House



IGNITE TALK: FREEDOM FELLOWS

Speakers: Jhanisse Vaca Daza, HRF's senior program officer and Freedom Fellowship director; Raphael Adebayo, co-founder of the #EndSARS and #ReformPoliceNG movements in Nigeria; and Yunier Suárez, a Cuban human rights defender and artist



META & THE COMMUNITY: CYBERCRIME LAWS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Speakers: Cagatay Pekyorur, Meta's head of community engagement and advocacy for Africa, the Middle East, and Turkey; and Jacqueline Rowe, a content policy researcher at Global Partners Digital



SILENCING THE CRITICS: AUTHORITARIAN HOSTAGE-TAKING

Moderator: Jason Rezaian, Washington Post journalist and former Iranian hostage

Panelists: Jorge Toledo, an artist and former Venezuelan hostage; Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, a former Iranian hostage; Paul Rusesabagina, a humanitarian and the real-life hero of “Hotel Rwanda”; and Ambassador Roger Carstens, the Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs



HEAVEN ON EARTH EXHIBITION

Singing About North Korea: Heaven on Earth

Artwork by: Song Byeok, renowned artist and former North Korean propaganda artist

Curated by: Clara Cheung, Hong Kong activist, artist, and independent curator





THULANI MASEKO JUSTICE PRIZE RECEPTION

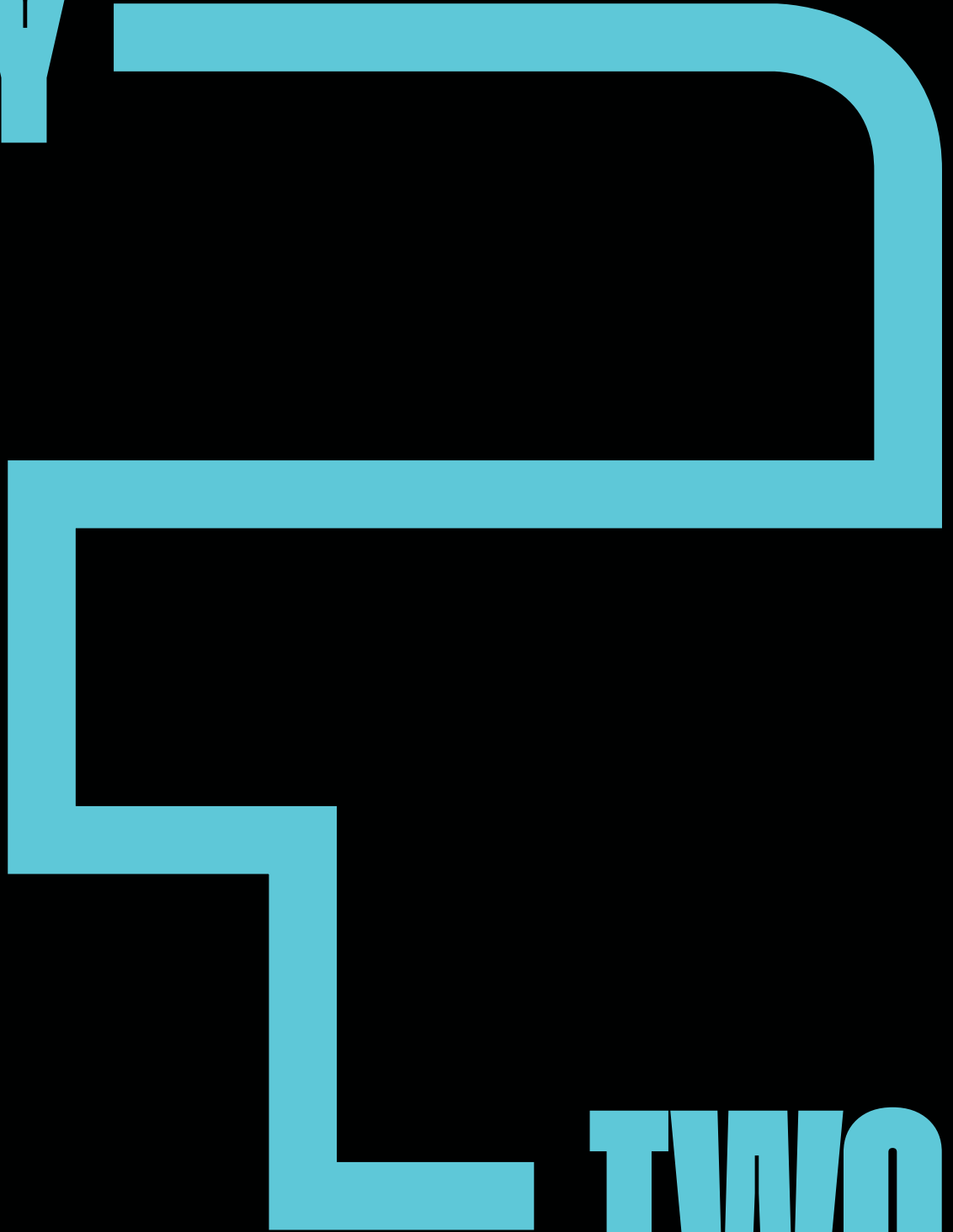
Tanele Maseko presented the Thulani Maseko Justice Prize to Yulia Navalny, who accepted it on behalf of her late husband, Russian dissident and opposition leader Alexei Navalny.



Yulia Navalnya greeted a group of local supporters outside of Oslo City Hall.



DAY



TWO

SESSIONS

ACHIEVING JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF ARBITRARY DETENTION

Moderator: Roberto González, HRF's chief advocacy officer

Panelists: Dr. Tatyana Eatwell, international human rights lawyer at Doughty Street Chambers, and Julie Sunday, assistant deputy minister and senior official for hostage affairs at Global Affairs Canada



SESSIONS

ANTI-DICTATORSHIP DIPLOMACY: FIRESIDE CHAT WITH LUIS ALMAGRO AND HÉCTOR SCHAMIS

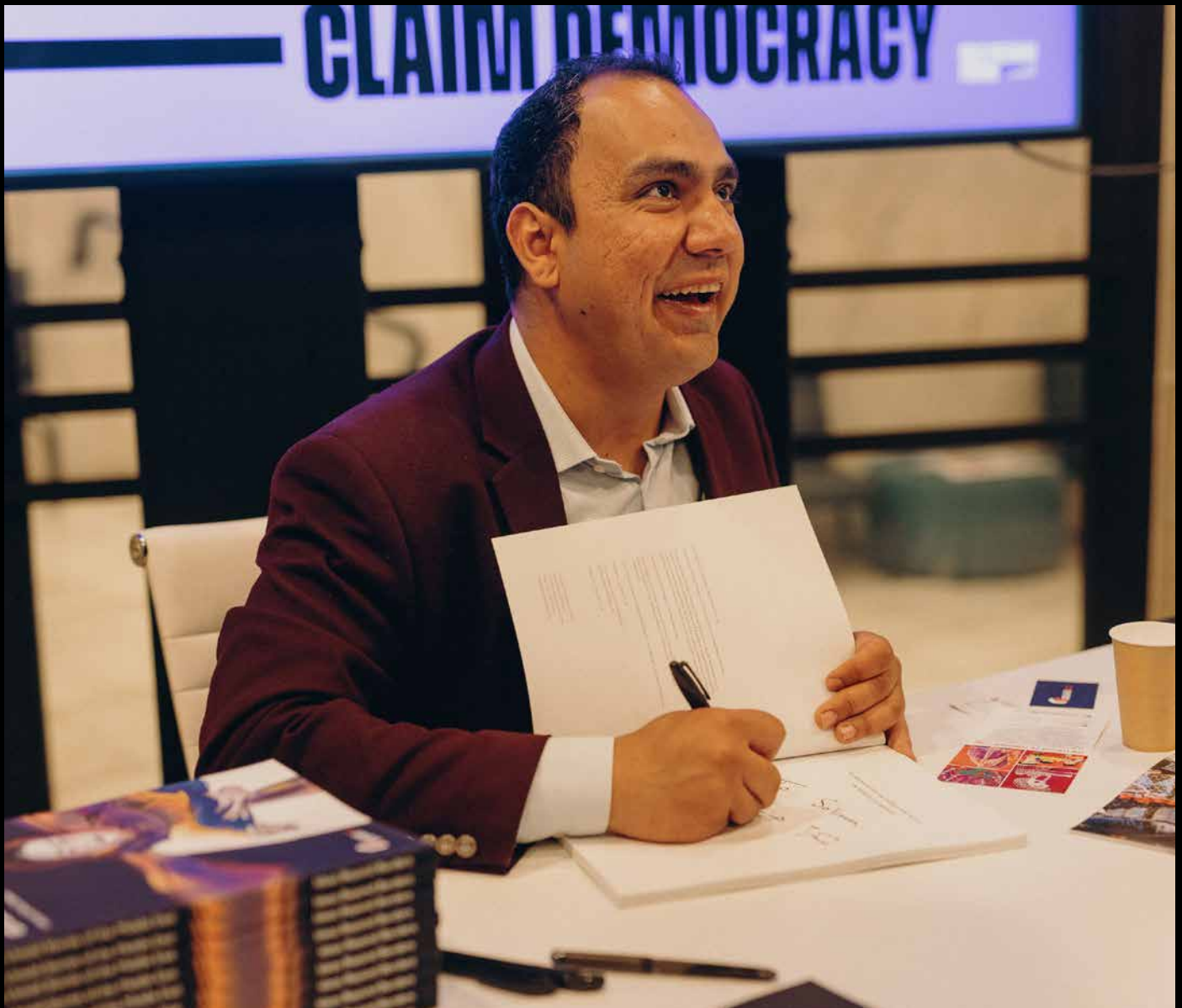
Moderator: Javier El-Hage, HRF's chief legal & policy officer and international democracy law expert

Panelists: Luis Almagro, secretary general of the Organization of American States, and Hector Schamis, professor of democracy at Georgetown University



“THE UNTOLD STORIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST”: BOOK SIGNING WITH FAISAL AL MUTAR

Faisal Al Mutar, founder and president of Ideas Beyond Borders and 2024 OFF speaker, signed copies of his book, “The Untold Stories of the Middle East.”



COUNTER-SPEECH: A TOOLKIT FOR TACKLING DANGEROUS SPEECH

Speakers: Jacob Mchangama, executive director at the Future of Free Speech, and Natalie Alkiviadou, senior research fellow at the Future of Free Speech



META & THE COMMUNITY: OFFICE HOURS

Speakers: Cagatay Pekyorur, the head of community engagement and advocacy for Africa, Middle East, & Turkey at Met; and Jacqueline Rowe, content policy researcher at Global Partners Digital



THE RACE FOR AUTOMATED WARFARE

Moderator: Jørn Haanæs, entrepreneur and investor

Panelists: Arthur Holland Michel, journalist and researcher; Iliaria Carrozza, senior researcher at the Peace Research Institute Oslo; and Jason Hsu, former Taiwanese legislator and Mason Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School



SESSIONS

THREADS OF REPRESSION: THE COMPLICITY OF THE GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN

Moderator: Benjamin Skinner, founder of Transparentem

Panelists: Grace Forrest, founding director of Walk Free; Laura Murphy, policy adviser at the US Department of Homeland Security; and Nick Grono, CEO of the Freedom Fund



THEATER

SEBASTIEN LAI

Sebastien Lai, the son of pro-democracy advocate and media entrepreneur Jimmy Lai, presented "A 76-Year Quest for Freedom."



THEATER

JOSHUA ROMAN

Cellist and composer Joshua Roman performed a prelude by Bach and a stirring rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."



THEATER

ZHALA BAYRAMOVA

Zhala Bayramova, the child of an Azerbaijani political prisoner, presented "On a Quest to Free my Father."



THEATER

PAUL RUSESABAGINA

Paul Rusesabagina, the humanitarian and real-life hero of “Hotel Rwanda,” in conversation with Thor Halvorssen, CEO of HRF and founder of Oslo Freedom Forum.



THEATER

GEORGES AZZI

Georges Azzi, a gender and sexual rights activist, presented "Uprooted, but Unbroken."



THEATER

ARIANA VAFADARI

French-Iranian opera singer and composer Ariana Vafadari graced the Oslo Konserthus stage, accompanied by French classically trained pianist **Julien Carton**.



THEATER

ANASTASIA SHEVCHENKO

Anastasia Shevchenko, the Russian politician and opposition figure, joined virtually to present “Enough of Him.”



THEATER

RAQIB HAMEED NAIK

Raqib Hameed Naik, the founder of India Hate Lab and Hindutva Watch, presented “Unmasking Hate & Oppression: India’s Authoritarian Descent.”



THEATER

JACK DORSEY & LYN ALDEN

Jack Dorsey, Twitter co-founder and Block CEO, and Lyn Alden, macroeconomist and author of "Broken Money," presented "The Power of Open Source."



HAVEL PRIZE

Lobsang Sangay, the former president of the Tibetan government, presented the Václav Havel Prize for Creative Dissent, which recognizes the power of artistic innovation and the bravery of those who unmask tyranny through art and creativity. The 2024 Havel Prize Laureates included Iranian hip-hop artist Toomaj Salehi; Uyghur poet, filmmaker, and activist Tahir Hamut Izgil; and Venezuelan pianist and composer Gabriela Montero, who performed “Canaima: A Quintet for Piano and Strings” following the ceremony.



PRESS FREEDOM DINNER

The Press Freedom Dinner, held at the Grand Hotel, celebrated those who risk everything to fight for freedom of the press worldwide.



DINNER ON THE FJORD

Speakers, community members, and supporters enjoyed a fjord-side dinner after the conclusion of the second day of programming.



DAY



THREE

SESSIONS

AI, DEEPPAKES, & SURVEILLANCE

Moderator: Jacqueline Rowe, content policy researcher at Global Partners Digital

Panelists: Nihat Dad, executive director at Digital Rights Foundation; Lindsay Gorman, managing director and senior fellow at the German Marshall Fund; Sam Gregory, executive director at WITNESS; and Bill Marczak, senior researcher at The Citizen Lab



CARLOS VIVES PERFORMANCE

Grammy-award-winning Colombian artist Carlos Vives returned to Rebel for a special performance.



DEFYING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES

Moderator: Yeganeh Rezaian, interim program coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa, Committee to Protect Journalists

Panelists: Clare Byarugaba, LGBTIQ rights advocate, Chapter Four Uganda; Bota Jardemalie, lawyer, human rights defender, and political refugee; Mariana Katzarova, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Russian Federation; and Rosa María Payá, Cuban pro-democracy activist and founder of Cuba Decide.



DILEMMA ACTIONS: USING HUMOR AND CREATIVITY TO SAVE DEMOCRACY

Speaker: Srdja Popovic, Co-founder of CANVAS



FINANCIAL FREEDOM TRACK

Alex Gladstein, HRF's chief strategy officer, opened the Financial Freedom track at Rebel, which brought together speakers from all over the world to discuss how authoritarian regimes worldwide deploy financial repression tools to target dissidents and how citizens worldwide resist these tools with open-source software.



HOW TO SET UP AND RUN A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN EXILE

Speaker: Lobsang Sangay, former president of the Tibetan government



SESSIONS

INSIDE HOTEL RWANDA (LIVE PODCAST)

Moderators: Casey Michel, director of HRF's Combating Kleptocracy program, and Elisha Maldonado, HRF's communications director

Panelists: Paul Rusesabagina, humanitarian and real-life hero of "Hotel Rwanda"; and his daughters, Carine and Anaïse Kanimba



INVISIBLE ISLAND DICTATORSHIPS: CHALLENGES FACING HAITI AND MADAGASCAR

Moderator: Ian Birrell, columnist and foreign correspondent

Panelists: Ketakandriana Rafitson, executive director of Transparency International Madagascar; and Hector Schamis, author, columnist, and professor of democracy at Georgetown University



SESSIONS

LEOPOLDO LÓPEZ: BUILDING A GRASSROOTS ALLIANCE FOR FREEDOM

Speaker: Leopoldo López, Venezuelan democracy advocate



SESSIONS

OPPRESSION BY ECONOMIC THREAT

Moderator: Matt Warner, president, Atlas Network

Panelists: Dr. Tom Palmer, George M. Yeager Chair for Advancing Liberty, Atlas Network; and Dr. Sara Levy, economist, academic, and consultant



THE POWER OF THE MOVING IMAGE

Moderator: Jake Swantko, filmmaker

Panelists: Janice Englehart, producer, writer, and rights advocate; and Vanessa Hope, director of “Invisible Nation”



SPORTS & DICTATORS: WEAPONIZING SPORTS FOR SOFT POWER

Moderator: Alvaro Piaggio, HRF's senior policy officer

Panelists: Friba Rezayee, founder of Women Leaders of Tomorrow; Pete Pattison, investigative human rights journalist; Michela Wrong, journalist; and Stanis Elsberg, senior analyst at Play the Game



SESSIONS

SUSTAINING WELL-BEING: CARING FOR THE WORLD AND OURSELVES

Speakers: Dr. Jack Kornfield, co-founder of the Insight Meditation Society and Spirit Rock Center; and Dr. Dan Siegel, clinical professor of psychiatry, UCLA School of Medicine



SESSIONS

THE PATH BACKWARD: AUTHORITARIANISM AND TRAFFICKING

Moderator: Anjan Sundaram, war reporter

Panelists: Wendy Williams, researcher, Africa Center for Strategic Studies; and Mark Micallef, director of the North Africa and Sahel Observatory, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime



SESSIONS

TRAS LA PERLA: SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE “PEARL OF THE AMERICAS”

Panelists: Isabel Cristina Vásquez and Claudia Elena Vásquez Angel



SESSIONS

UNDERSTANDING AND HEALING FROM TRAUMA

Speaker: Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, researcher, founder of the Trauma Research Foundation, and New York Times bestselling author of “The Body Keeps the Score”



CLOSING DINNER AT DINNER

Speakers, community members, and supporters attended a final dinner at the restaurant Dinner.



CLOSING DINNER AT CONDUIT

Speakers, community members, and supporters enjoyed a final dinner at the Conduit.



CLOSING PARTY

Attendees ended the night with lively music mixed by Djette and plenty of dancing at the Conduit.





