

Community Collaborations **OUT OF HAND**

Out of Hand Theater produces custom short plays and films for meetings, DEI conversations, and special events for local and national businesses. We also combine these plays and films with information and small-group conversation on social issues, creating unique programs that accelerate bonding and boost employees' sense of belonging through positive, meaningful interactions around the things that matter most, fueled by art.

A Few Honest Moments with Sam*

Google, Mercedes-Benz, Veritiv, Georgia Power

The story of an executive who struggles with the day-to-day realities of discrimination she and her loved ones encounter as Black Americans, despite having a successful career, a beautiful home, and a loving family. Featured in Equitable Dinners programs for Human Resources groups at Google, Mercedes-Benz and Veritiv, and at an off-site for Georgia Power Black women middle managers at Serenbe.

A Good Day

Families First

The story of a hard-working family living in a homeless shelter and their Families First Navigator, who helps families in crisis get back on their feet and stay there. Virtual and in-person viewing parties for Families First's donors and stakeholders and their friends, followed by a conversation with Families First about the issues facing their clients and their work.

Breakroom Chronicles*

The Arbor Company

The story of a junior and a senior Caregiver in an Arbor Company senior living facility facing generational conflict within the staff and racist remarks by residents and their families, and seeking a sense of belonging and of being appreciated at work. Featured in The Arbor Company leadership meeting at company headquarters and at Arbor facilities in eleven states.

Community Meeting*

Emory Center for Ethics

The story of a neighborhood grappling with investors who want to help but are not consulting residents. Featured in the Ethics and Equity Dialogue in memory of Dr. James Fowler.

Deferred Dreams*

Coca-Cola

The story of three residents of an under-resourced neighborhood searching for solutions to challenges in infrastructure, education, health, and professional opportunities. Featured in Coca-Cola Community Engagement Summit at Coca-Cola Headquarters.

If You Build It

Atlanta Regional Commission

The story of a Black homeowner confronting gentrification and the displacement of his neighbors. Featured online during the shutdown in the ARC's State of the Region annual event.

Is It Just Me?*

Audible

The story of an Afro-Latina woman talking to a co-worker in a coffee shop about discrimination and gender bias she experiences at work. Featured in three online Audible leadership meetings.

Lands, Lessons, and Legacy*

BlackRock

The story of siblings arguing over whether to sell their family land, a rare source of generational wealth for Black Americans. Featured as part of a custom Equitable Dinners series for BlackRock's Innovation Hub.



Our Tangled Tears

Leadership Atlanta

A story about relations between Black women and white women in the workplace, and the history behind why they are so fraught. Featured in Leadership Atlanta's 2022 Women's Retreat at Lanier Islands Conference Center.

Reflections*

YMCA of Metro Atlanta

The story of tensions between YMCA staff and the young adults who make the Y their second home. Featured at YMCA retreat at Zoo Atlanta's Savannah Hall.

Still Juneteenth

The Home Depot Foundation

Combining the stories of a woman at the announcement of the abolishment of slavery in 1865 to a woman at the announcement of the verdict in the George Floyd murder trial in 2021. Featured in The Home Depot's 2021 Juneteenth celebration at The Home Depot Backyard at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and played in Home Depot store breakrooms across the country.

The Station

ACLU

The story of a young woman waiting in line to vote at a police precinct, and confronting the officer who shot her father many years ago. Featured in the ACLU annual meeting at Atlanta History Center.

This Is Home

Habitat for Humanity International

Stories of the intersection of housing and the pandemic in the lives of a Black mother who loses her husband to COVID-19, a Latino non-binary person whose parents kick them out of their home, and a white woman with severe hearing loss who can't read lips in a masked world.

Featured in Habitat for Humanity International's Affiliate Leadership Conference at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

What About Autumn?*

Emory University Goizueta Business School

The story of a young, Black woman interning at a predominantly white, male tech company. Featured in Equitable Dinners series for new BBA and MBA students at Goizueta Business School.

Where We Are Now/A Path Forward/Defining Success*

Corporate Volunteer Council

Three stories chronicling CVC members' interactions with the communities they serve, a path toward deeper equity and inclusion in their work with those communities, and steps to achieving success from the perspectives of communities, CVC members, and their bosses. Featured in online CVC meetings during the shutdown.



***Equitable Dinners**

Winner of [The New York Times Best Theater of 2020](#) and the [Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities 2021](#), [Out of Hand Theater's](#) Equitable Dinners (or Breakfasts, Lunches or Coffees) combine short plays and films with facilitated conversation on racial equity and other equity issues. [Equitable Dinners](#) open hearts and minds by putting faces and stories on issues that might otherwise remain just statistics, offering entertaining experiences that engage participants' emotions. Equitable Dinners offers engaging programs for MLK Day, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Asian Heritage Month, LGBTQ Pride Month, Disabilities Act Day, Indigenous People's Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, and World Mental Health Day.

In 2022, Equitable Dinners sought to gather 5000 at 500 tables for art and conversation on race and racism past, present and future, to set the table for racial equity in Atlanta, in partnership with the National Center for Civil and Human Rights and Fulton County Remembrance Coalition, among others. We are thrilled to announce that Equitable Dinners served 6317 people, bringing our total to over **10,000 attendees since 2019!** 90% of survey respondents reported that the event caused them to reflect more about the inequities in our communities, and **92% reported they felt more connected with others afterwards.** In fact, the top emotions reported at the end of the event were **"inspired," "connected," and "hopeful."** The AJC named Artistic Director Ariel Fristoe one of their [Everyday Heroes](#) in their Thanksgiving special edition. Check out our [media coverage!](#)