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Refugees (★★★★★)

Worlds really do collide in this show, and it happens in an English-as-a-second-language classroom. This one-woman show has Stephanie Satie playing a wide variety of characters who have immigrated to the U.S. Teacher and students learn from one other about the different cultures they belong to, while trying to adapt to the new one they are in. Satie expertly exposes how cultures can oppress, and why that oppression is allowed to continue. Well written and directed, the show moves along quite well, delivering a lot of laughs while making a few points about understanding different cultures.

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