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Jesús "Chucho" García, Testimony of a Maroon, 1970 to 1999

- García's family roots lie in Barlovento, a majority Black region often thought of as the heart of Afro Venezuela (although Venezuela is said to be 60% Black, so Afro Venezuela has many hearts).
- His ancestors lived "maroon resistance" -- or the resistance of peoples who liberate themselves from slavery.
- He will be offering a testimony about his youth as a popular educator (an educator of the people in the people's spaces) and his decision during an era of repression to join the guerrillas.
- During the long night of neoliberalism in the 1990s, he was central to collectives across Latin America and the Caribbean that bound together Black and Indigenous organizing for grassroots democracy.
- That organizing, he argues, was the foundation upon which the Venezuelan turn to socialism was built.

A hybrid event with the speaker via Zoom, everyone is welcome!

Please see the attached flyer for more detail.

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