



ANNUAL KING INTERFAITH CELEBRATION

Each year, NYMLK holds its Annual King Holiday Interfaith Silent Prayer March and Celebration for Peace, Religious and Racial Harmony. The journey begins at a Mosque, with words of inspiration from the Imam, travels to a Synagogue, with words of inspiration from the Rabbi and then to a Church, with words of inspiration from the Pastor. Words of inspiration are also expressed by religious leaders representing other faiths. Programs and strategies are developed and implemented throughout the year. The Open Caucus on Thursday, September 4 is for the discussion of the development of strategies for integrating arts and culture more effectively with civil society to promote world harmony.

CÉLÉBRATION ANNUELLE KING INTERCONFESSIONNELLE

Chaque année, à l'occasion de la fête de Martin Luther King, le NYMLK organise une Marche de prière silencieuse interconfessionnelle et une Célébration pour la Paix et l'Harmonie religieuse et raciale. La Marche commence dans une Mosquée avec des paroles inspirées prodiguées par l'Imam, puis se dirige vers une Synagogue avec des paroles du Rabbin et enfin se termine dans une Eglise avec des paroles du Pasteur. Des paroles inspirées sont aussi prodiguées par divers responsables religieux d'autres confessions. Des programmes et des stratégies sont développés et mis en place tout le long de l'année. Le Comité ouvert qui se réunira le jeudi 4 septembre, a pour but de discuter du développement de stratégies pour intégrer plus efficacement les Arts et la Culture dans la Société civile afin de promouvoir l'Harmonie mondiale.

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Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights

Celebration du 60ème Anniversaire De La Declaration Universelle Des Droits De L'homme

EVENTS AT THE NGO/DPI 61st CONFERENCE Paris, France

Human Rights Village on the City Hall Plaza
Saturday, August 30, 2008

**International Artists for Peace and World
Harmony, Open Caucus, Thursday,**
September 4, 2008 at UNESCO Headquarters

The New York Metropolitan Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence, an ngo with the United Nations, is pleased to welcome those attending the side events of the NGO/DPI 61st Conference and to share with you our International Artists for Peace and World Harmony Initiative.

Ces manifestations parallèles sont organisées par le Comité exécutif du NGO/DPI

Le Comité pour L'Harmonie du Monde est organisé par le Centre Martin Luther King Jr. de New York pour la non-violence (NYMLK).

Le NYMLK, une ONG aux Nations unies, a le plaisir d'accueillir ceux qui assisteront aux manifestations parallèles de la 61ème conférence du NGO/DPI et de leur présenter son Initiative Internationale des Artistes pour la Paix et l'Harmonie mondiales.



Reception at the Office of the Mayor of Paris, Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Ceremony to pay tribute to Human Rights Defenders, on the Human Rights Plaza of the Chaillot Plaza/Center Friday, September 5, 2008



International Artists for Peace and World Harmony Organizing Committee

Le Comité exécutif international des Artistes pour la Paix et l'Harmonie mondiales.



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 Promotions, Inc.



Rosa Naparstek
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Voza Rivers
 Chair, Harlem Arts Alliance



Sergej Jakovlev
 President, International
 Society of Artists

Supporting Organizations (in formation)

Organisations de soutien (en formation)

New York Metropolitan Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence, International Communications Association, World Council of Peoples for the United Nations, International Society of Artists, Kobe International Harmony-Eyes Association of Kobe, Japan, Harlem Arts Alliance, Artists Unite, Inc, Overseas Promotions, Inc., Society of Caribbean Artists.

En reconnaissance et en honneur du 60ème anniversaire de la Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme, proclamée et adoptée par l'Assemblée générale des Nations unies et par la 61ème conférence du NGO/DPI, le Centre NYMLK pour la non-violence va mettre en oeuvre son Initiative internationale des Artistes pour la Paix et l'Harmonie mondiales.

Les arts ont la capacité unique de pénétrer et faire tomber les barrières dues à

la haine, l'ignorance et l'intolérance et d'affecter de façon significative les comportements et les coeurs de millions de personnes à travers le monde. Les Beaux-Arts sont admirés et exposés partout dans le monde. La Musique est une langue universelle. Le dicton « la musique adoucit les mœurs » est à la fois simple et profond. Le Cinéma, la Télévision, le Théâtre, la Danse, et maintenant Internet, nous permettent de découvrir le monde et la variété de ses cultures et modes de vie.

In recognition and honor of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed and adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the 61st Annual DPI/NGO Conference, the New York Metropolitan Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence (NYMLK) is implementing its International Artists for Peace and World Harmony Initiative (IAPWH.) This is a continuation and expansion of NYMLK's nonviolence efforts, which includes its Annual ICA Award For World Harmony held at the Church Center for the United Nations. IAPWH aims to utilize the arts as an instrument to build bridges of understanding, to stress themes that unite and identify the common purpose that brings divergent groups together.

At no time will this be an attempt to divide or place blame, rather it will be an effort to utilize positive forces and attitudes for the common good. The arts have the unique ability to penetrate and breakdown the barriers of hatred, ignorance and intolerance and significantly impact on the attitudes

and hearts of millions throughout the world. Fine arts are admired, adored, enjoyed, purchased and on display all over the world. Music is considered the universal language. The saying "Music hath the charm that soothes the savage beast," while profound, is very basic. Motion pictures, television, theatre, dance and now the internet, enable us to travel the world as we glimpse and experience various cultures and conditions. Let this Universal Declaration for Human Rights remain a clarion call for those in the arts, and others, to remain vigilant and committed. It was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said, "We must learn to live together as brothers or we perish together as fools."

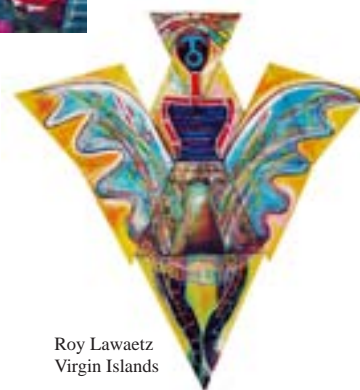
We encourage the artists and others to caucus at the conference. Spread the message of Peace and Harmony through the arts. The artists should also interface with NGO's and the civil society and strategize on initiatives to become more visible and prepare for the International Artists for Peace and World Harmony Conference in 2010 in New York City.



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