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CELEBRATION OF PEACE 2008

Mayor Pradel has proclaimed the second annual Celebration of Peace in Naperville. Spearheaded by ThinkGlobal Arts Foundation, the Celebration expands the definition of Peace to include issues of personal reflection, service, reconciliation and the environment – and organizes free activities to educate and inspire residents to embrace Peace in their daily lives. Naperville's Celebration of Peace is part of a larger movement by the United Nations and communities across the world to create practical acts of Peace during a shared time frame for the children of this and future generations.

"Do something wonderful, people may imitate it."

—Albert Schweitzer, 1952 Nobel Peace Prize Winner

ALL GOOD THINGS BEGIN WITH A DREAM

Our dreams of peace are reflected in our daily thoughts, words and actions. ThinkGlobal Arts Foundation is partnering with the City of Naperville, North Central College, school districts 203 and 204, and prestigious organizations across the community to bring you the second annual Celebration of Peace. A variety of events and activities associated with peace and understanding provide inspiration for building harmony in our community and supporting charitable initiatives.

This celebration would not be possible without the selfless dedication of a team of like-minded individuals working across the city. I welcome all families to join this citywide Celebration, and look forward to seeing you in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Revati Natesan, Chair

CELEBRATION OF PEACE VOLUNTEERS

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Panel Discussion & Film Festival: Hari Lamba, Dinesh Sampat, Pratap Sampath, Sriram Sonty Essay/Poem Contest: Andrea Beaty, Mayank Chhaya, Carol Tate, Tim West, Mary Yockey Arts for Peace: Rafig Hajat, Jay Khatau, Ashwin Sampath,

Liz Staller, Anoop Verma, Deb Kwait, Linda Yang

Book Signings: Mary Yockey

Legal: Mark Metzger



ThinkGlobal Arts Foundation uses the arts as a basis for the promotion of peace and understanding. The foundation creates and supports educational, cultural and artistic enterprises to foster peace and understanding in our daily lives, in our communities and amongst people of different nations and ethnic backgrounds. Its efforts extend to supporting local and global charitable initiatives.

We invite you to join our mission with a gift of your financial support. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 5203, Naperville, IL 60567. Your gift is deductible within the provisions of the Federal Income Tax Law.

art contests Tuesday, September 2



CREATIVE STAMP DESIGN CONTEST

Host:

ThinkGlobal Arts

Foundation

More info:

Liz Staller

Liz Staller Interiors

(630) 779-9495

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Host:

Naperville Noon

Lions Club

More info:

Jane Bowers

Naperville Noon

Lions Club

(630) 420-0960

Kids! ask your teacher about these contests or go online to enter! www.ThinkGlobalarts.org

Tuesday, September 2 essay contest

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ESSAY/POEM CONTEST

Host:

ThinkGlobal Arts

Foundation

More info:

Mary Yockey

Anderson's Bookshop

(630) 355-2665

FINAL DEADLINE
FOR ALL ENTRIES:
September 30

ESSAY/POEM CONTEST

Our youngest citizens are encouraged to express their thoughts and visions of peace around the theme, "Peace Begins with Me." The work of the 9 winning writers will be posted on the internet for the community to enjoy. The writing contest is open to elementary through high school students (grades 1-12) in Naperville area schools.

JUDGES

Andrea Beatty Mayank Chhaya Carol Tate Tim West Jan Dundon



PARENTS

Ask your child's art teacher or find detailed instructions on the ThinkGlobal Arts website www.thinkglobalarts.org .

PRESS CONFERENCE

Winners of the Celebration of Peace art contests and essay/poem contest will be announced at a Press Conference on Wednesday, October 15 at 7 pm at Naperville City Hall. Nine winners for the Stamp contest, three winners for the Poster contest and nine winners for the Essay/Poem contest will be presented with gift certificates provided by Community Partners, Anderson's Bookshop and Dick Blick Art. Free and open to the public.

arts for peaceseptember 15 - October 1

ARTS FOR PEACE

This community-wide charity event will benefit 2400 children in Malawi and Tanzania. We are collecting new and/or used art materials via boxes conveniently located around Naperville. Contributions such as chalk, crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, paints, brushes and rulers are most needed. Used and partial contributions are welcome as long as they work. Volunteers will package the materials into kits (a kit will consist of everything needed to complete an art project). The kits will be sent to 24 impoverished primary schools in Malawi & Tanzania. The collection interval for the drive will run from September 15 through October 1.

MALAWI & TANZANIA



Our Malawi contact Rafiq Hajat, a key figure who is working to improve the country's Free primary education, tells us Malawi schools are in crisis. In addition to the challenges of poverty, hunger and AIDS, school infrastructure is insufficient to cope with the demand. Classes are overcrowded and materials are in short supply.



Lion Ashwin Sampat tells the story of a one-room school in rural Tanzania, which is little more than a rusted shed. There are no desks. On the wall hung a chalkboard, but the teacher could not afford chalk. Education is a key strategy to combat abject poverty and an adult illiteracy rate of 28%,

DROP-OFF SITES

All District 204 elementary schools
District 203 Administrative Center, 203 W. Hillside Road
Anderson's Bookshop, 123 W. Jefferson Avenue
School of the Performing Arts, 200 E. 5th Avenue, #132
Trader Joe's, 44 West Gartner Road
Whole Foods, 2607 W. 75th
Kroehler Family YMCA, 34 S. Washington Street
Fry Family YMCA, 2121 W. 95th Street
St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 1500 Brookdale Road
Wesley United Methodist Church, 21 E. Franklin Avenue

What is it?

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How can I help?

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Timeframe

The collection interval for the drive will run from September 15 through October 1.

More info:

Liz Staller Liz Staller Interiors (630) 779-9495



Wednesday, October 1 talk

Time:

Talk: 10 am - Noon

Location:

Naperville Central High School Auditorium 440 Aurora Avenue Naperville, IL

Open to:

High school students from Districts 203 & 204

More info:

Nina Menis Naperville Community Unit School District 203 (630) 420-6815

Time:

Lunch: 1 pm

Location:

The Harold and Eva White Activites Center 325 E. Benton Avenue

Open to:

High school students from Districts 203 & 204

More info:

Nina Menis Naperville Community Unit School District 203 (630) 420-6815



ROBERT THURMAN TALKS WITH NAPERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

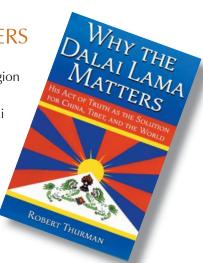
Robert Thurman, author of *Why the Dalai Lama Matters* and many other scholarly and popular books, will speak with a group of over 1,000 students drawn from each of the four public high schools in Naperville. Following the address, Anderson's Bookshop will coordinate a book signing for the students.

LUNCHEON WITH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Select students from each of the high schools will have the opportunity to engage in discussion with Professor Thurman at a luncheon. Students, check out Professor Thurman's facebook.

WHY THE DALAI LAMA MATTERS

Since the Chinese invasion of Tibet in the 1950s,
Tibetans have seen their culture, language and religion
repressed, their ecosystem compromised, and
oppression of those who profess loyalty to the Dalai
Lama – the spiritual and political leader of the
Tibetan people. Despite all this, the Dalai Lama
has been a consistent voice for peace, offering
a Middle Way Approach that has garnered
accolades from the Nobel Peace Prize to the
U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.



"Robert Thurman is one of the 25 most influential Americans."

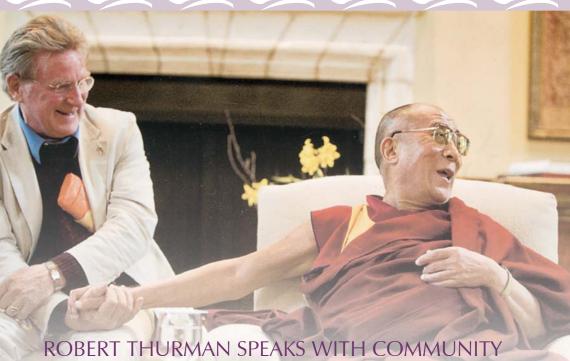
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talk Wednesday, October 1



Robert Thurman has been honored by *Time Magazine* as one of its 25 most influential Americans. In 1962, Thurman became the first American ordained as a Tibetan Buddhist monk. He gave up his robes after several years, however, when he discovered he could be most effective in the American equivalent of the monastery, the university.

Harvard-educated, Thurman's work and insights are grounded in more than 35 years of serious academic scholarship. In addition, he has maintained a forty-five year friendship with the Dalai Lama. A popular professor of Indo-Tibetan Studies at Columbia University, students have described his classes as "life changing." Father of Hollywood actress Uma Thurman, Thurman's unique take on the relevance of Buddhism to American culture and politics, and his wit and creativity in weaving ancient Buddhist wisdom and popular Western ideals, make his knowledge both entertaining and useful.

Professor Thurman is a riveting speaker and an author of many books on Tibet, Buddhism, art, politics and culture. Publisher's Weekly heralded *Inner Revolution: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Real Happiness*, as one of the best books of 1998. Other works by Thurman include, *Circling the Sacred Mountain, Essential Tibetan Buddhism* and, most recently, *Why the Dalai Lama Matters*. Because of his charisma, unique life story, long-time activism on behalf of Tibet, proximity to Hollywood, and optimistic messages about "real happiness," Thurman has been profiled by numerous publications, such as *The New York Times*, *People*, and *Time*, and featured on many television programs including *CNN News*, *Good Morning America*, *The News Hour, Larry King Live*, and the *Oprah Winfrey Show*.

Professor Thurman believes that America is uniquely poised to realize the Buddha's vision of individualism and cultural harmony — that the happiness guaranteed by America's founders can be secured in an enduring way without depriving others.

Time: 7-9 pm

Location: North Central College Pfeiffer Hall 310 E. Benton Avenue Naperville, IL

Cost: Free Open to the public

More info: Jack Shindler North Central College (630) 637-5287

Food will be served compliments of Whole Foods.

Thursday, October 2 discussion



Time:

Exhibit: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Discussion: 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Location:

North Central College Meiley-Swallow Hall 31 S. Ellsworth Street Naperville, IL

Cost:

Free Open to the public

More info: Jack Shindler North Central College (630) 637-5287

EXHIBIT

A free reception and viewing of an exhibit titled, "Contemporary Peacemakers" celebrates the limitless potential of the individual to build peace in today's world. Some 24 panels are examples of ordinary people who display their commitment to peace through the powerful and effective work they accomplish in their efforts to establish harmonious, productive and peaceful environments.

PANEL DISCUSSION

A dynamic panel discussion on "The Culture of Peace & Harmony" will explore various ways in which all elements of our society can experience unity. A renowned panel of distinguished guests and students from our high schools and colleges will profile and examine peace and harmony with a community focus.

Michael Terrien, CEO and founder of Play for Peace, will serve as the moderator for the evening. Play for Peace is a nonprofit organization devoted to bringing together children, youth and organizations from communities in conflict, using cooperative play to create laughter, compassion and peace. The organization works for social change by eliminating the emotional and social barriers between antagonistic ethnic, religious, and racial groups.

The discussion will be led by distinguished guests who have considerable experience in the areas of peace and/or conflict resolution in interpersonal and inter-group relationships, organizations and communities. Among our distinguished guests is:

Jerome McDonnell, host of Chicago Public Radio's, Worldview. Daily, Jerome provides global affairs coverage of world issues with in-depth conversations on international issues and their local impact. Jerome has a Peter Lisagor award and has been awarded by the Illinois Broadcasters' Association for "Best Public Affairs Program in a Series."

The discussion will also include a student representative from each of Naperville's four high schools. Children and youth are a very important part of the entire Celebration; their perspectives, contributions and active participation are vital.



BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF PEACE!

Show your support by purchasing T-shirts, Beaded Peace Bracelets, Books or Notecards. Items will be available at most of the events, or email info@think-globalarts.org.

film fest Thursday, October 16

The Celebration of Peace Film Festival uses the power of film to move people beyond their present boundaries to embrace and practice peace in varied and highly personal ways. Two documentaries and a musical comedy will depict compelling stories of peace and conflict resolution around the globe. A short interactive discussion will follow the screenings.

"A FORCE MORE POWERFUL"

This documentary carefully weaves two separate but related episodes in history, demonstrating how nonviolent power overcame oppression and authoritarian rule. The film journeys through Nashville, Tennessee in the 1960s and ends in the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa in the mid-1980s.

"WEST BANK STORY"

A lively musical comedy set in the fast-paced, fast-food world of competing falafel stands in the West Bank. A little singing, a little dancing, and a lot of hummus helped West Bank Story capture an Academy Award for "Best Live Action Short Film."

"WE SPEAK AS ONE"

Five Nobel Laureates share their inspirational vision for peace by addressing pressing global issues on ecology and the environment that face today's young people.

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible."

The Dalai Lama

Time:

7 - 9 pm

Location:

North Central College Meiley-Swallow Hall 31 S. Ellsworth Street Naperville, IL

Cost:

Free Open to the public

More info:

Dinesh Sampat ThinkGlobal Arts (630) 301-8353

Free hors d'oeuvres will be served compliments of Indian Harvest.

Wednesday, October 29 talk



Time:

Talk: 10 am - Noon

Location:

Neuqua Valley High School 2360 95th Street Naperville, IL

Open to:

High school students from Districts 203 & 204

More info:

Jason Altenbern Indian Prairie School District 204 (630) 375-3017

Time:

Lunch: Noon

Location:

Meson Sabika 1025 Aurora Avenue Naperville, IL

Open to:

Community members

Cost:

\$45 - Proceeds benefit the Celebration of Peace.

Contact:

Sangita Kasturi (847) 567-1549

Ray Mehra (630) 258-4000

Seating is limited.

"Peace is not a merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."—Martin Luther King Jr.

MARTIN LUTHER KING III SPEAKS

Martin Luther King III will speak with a group of over 1,000 students drawn from each of the four public high schools in Naperville. Following the address, Anderson's Bookshop will coordinate a book signing for the students.

TICKETED LUNCHEON

Community members will have the opportunity to join select Naperville area high school students at a luncheon with Martin Luther King III. Seating will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING III

The son of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III is a human rights advocate, community activist and political leader. Nurtured among individuals deeply committed to the struggle for human rights and a nonviolent society, he has assimilated and utilized those values in his personal and public life.

In 1997, King was unanimously elected to head the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a civil rights organization founded by his father. He also has led the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change. In 2006, King was inspired to found an organization called Realizing the Dream, a national nonprofit organization with an international vision to carry on the important work embodied in the legacies of his parents.

Through Realizing the Dream Mr. King has launched Poverty in America, a national initiative that carries the torch of his father's Poor People's Campaign. The initiative includes a national poverty tour to 50 communities across the nation, including American Indian reservations, Appalachia, rural America and the nation's urban core communities. His international program is the Second Generation Global Peace Initiative, which brings together the heirs of 20th century peace makers to address some of the world's most compelling crises, including Darfur, the Middle East, and Burma. Under his leadership the Gen II initiative, as it has become known, includes the heirs of such names as Chavez, Gandhi, Gemayel, Kennedy, Rabin, and Trudeau.

Committed to the personal, educational and skill development of youth, he has initiated several programs throughout the years to support and nurture young people. His current Realizing the Dream Youth Leadership Development program provides systematic coaching, trainings, mentorship and governance to engage youth of all ages and demographic profiles as ethical and active decision makers in an interconnected world.



NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE

invites members of the community to hear

Martin Luther King III

Keynote speaker for North Central College's Anti-Hate Week

Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.

Wentz Concert Hall and Fine Arts Center

Corner of Chicago Avenue and Ellsworth Street

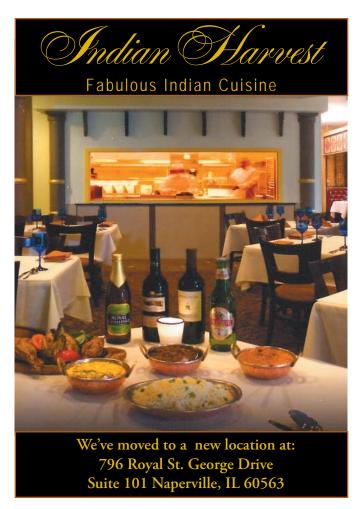
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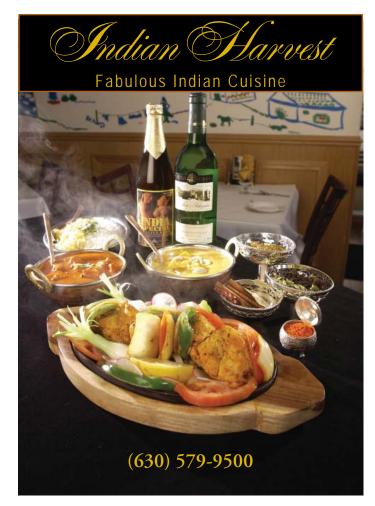


Martin Luther King III will speak on "My Father's Dream, My Mission" and the dedication and spirit behind the ongoing quest for civil rights. The second oldest child of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, he will discuss the motivation behind the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which his father co-founded in 1957. King recently started a nonprofit organization, Realizing the Dream, which seeks to end poverty in the United States by working across racial lines with government, business and community leaders.

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And it sin't enough to believe in it, one must work for it.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

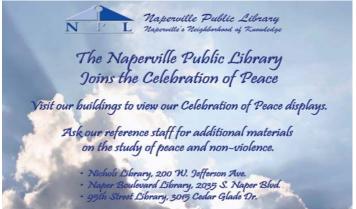






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Naperville's second annual CELEBRATION OF PEACE THROUGH THE ARTS

CELEBRATION AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, September 2

Mayoral Proclamation Children's contests begin

- Creative Stamp Design
- Peace Poster Contest
- Essay/Poem Contest

Wednesday, September 15

"30 Days and Ways to Practice Peace" begins "Arts For Peace" charity collection begins

Saturday and Sunday, September 20-21

Celebration of Peace tent at Riverwalk Fine Art Fair

Wednesday, October 1

Robert Thurman Talk and Lunch with High School students

Robert Thurman Speaks with Community

Thursday, October 2

"Contemporary Peacemakers" Exhibit Panel Discussion

Wednesday, October 15

Press Conference to announce winners of Children's Contests

Thursday, October 16

Film Festival

Wednesday, October 29

Martin Luther King III speaks with High School students Ticketed Luncheon with Martin Luther King III

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