



Dear Friends:

I want to thank you for all of your past support of our programs, such as the Interfaith March for Peace & Justice. We are excited to announce our upcoming fundraiser, the **Summer International Music, Dance and Art Festival, on Sunday, June 27th, 4:00 to 6:00 PM**, a hybrid-virtual event benefiting the [Institute for Religious Tolerance, Peace and Justice](http://www.InstituteForReligiousTolerance.org).

Our objective for this event is to raise enough funds to support our programs. Among these are the Interfaith March for Peace & Justice, which is the largest coalition of interfaith marches in the world. Your contribution will go to support infrastructure for the marches in our coalition, as well as to restart the mini-grant program whereby funds can be shared with some of the member marches that are in the hardest hit, most economically depressed areas of the world. These marches are led by some of the most effective and passionate folks in the world, but they can truly benefit from additional funding to help ensure that their expenses are paid and their marches are facilitated. People like Mohamed Jamous, who runs a march in Bethlehem (Palestine), the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth; Sylvia Acan, of Golden Women International, based in Uganda; Hussein Ali in Jammu Kashmir; Geoffrey Manasseh and Nicholas Utale of Malawi; and Abdussamad Moaz of The House of Peace Pakistan. With your help, we can help these people continue their good work.

We have a whole host of programs that aim to increase religious literacy among the general public, combat hatred and ignorance, as well as solidify peacebuilding efforts already underway. Some of our other programs that require support are as follows: (1) the Interfaith Ambassadors program, which brings college students and non-collegiate adults alike to various houses of worship to help expose them to a variety of faiths for the sake of religious and cultural literacy, helping us to combat intolerance and miseducation; (2) the Our Muslim Neighbors Forum that has provided panel discussions of Muslims, answering questions about their faith, making this available to people through institutions of higher learning and churches alike; as well as (3) a new project to film high resolution virtual tours of numerous houses of worship, hosted by the

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leadership of those locations, and providing educational and inspiring video of prayer and worship in those places so that everyone has the ability to learn about religions that they may otherwise have never heard of or only been exposed to through negative stereotypes or propaganda about them. We ask you to consider the tremendous impact that your contribution will have on any number of these programs—extant or new.

Purchasing Tickets

This event will be a hybrid one, with tickets available to attend virtually for \$25, and a limited number of in-person VIP donor and partner tickets for \$75. The VIP tickets cover admission to the venue at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, CA, and to the performer meet and greet reception following the event. Please consider purchasing both virtual and VIP tickets to help us raise much needed funds.

Becoming a Sponsor

If you are part of an organization, please consider asking them to become a sponsor of our June event. Sponsors and institutional partners will have their names featured in our event promotional materials. There are varying levels of financial sponsorship, starting at just \$50. Please contact us to discuss the level that suits your organization's ability.

Spreading the Word

Please help share word of the event within your networks. A link to the Eventbrite page can be found here: 2021summerartfest.eventbrite.com.

Sincerely,



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