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"BRAHMS NOT BOMBS" MOVES SELLOUT AUDIENCE ON HIROSHIMA DAY

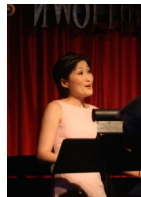
Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarmament (PAND) made a triumphant return to the Cleveland scene on August 6th. Inspired musicianship blended with powerful sentiments for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The evening at Nighttown was both somber and exuberant.

A group of Cleveland Orchestra musicians teamed with Cleveland Peace Action and PAND activists to resurrect PAND, which had been in hiatus following the passing of Gino Raffalli. This year's concert embodied Gino's words about why PAND exists:



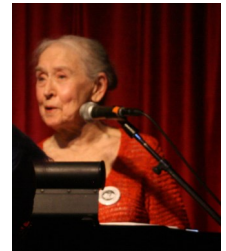
"Our willingness to devote our time, talents and reputations to achieve this (nuclear disarmament) springs from our belief that art can contribute not only to aesthetics, but to ethics; not only to beauty, but to peace."

The program opened with Brahms String Quartet #2, beautifully rendered by violinists Sae Shiragami and Ioana Missits, violist Lisa Boyko, and cellist Charles Bernard. Four Brahms Songs followed, sung by soprano Anna Jungeun Rathbun, with Carolyn Warner's piano accompaniment.



Nighttown's cabaret setting, with velvet curtains and spotlights, made these expressive performances of Brahms all the more entrancing.

Music yielded to spoken word, with Dorothy Silver's powerful readings of two poems by the late Daniel Thompson, Cleveland poet laureate and lifelong activist. The first, *Ground Zero: Downtown Cleveland*, mixes the annihilation of our city by an atomic bomb with Daniel's dark humor. The second, *Train*, ends with the idea that peace and justice are possible.



Longtime PAND activist Jean Sommer put the evening in historical context. She told of the horror of hearing about Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as a young woman in Britain, then of the origins of the peace symbol, in the UK's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in the 1950's.

Dorothy Silver returned to the stage to read a letter from Hiroshima Mayor Matsui Kazumi, addressed to PAND Cleveland on the occasion of the concert. Speaking for the survivors of the atomic bomb who still live in his city, he wrote: "I would like to ask all of you, in response to the hibakusha's desire, to continue to strive with us

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to eliminate the absolute evil of nuclear weapons and achieve a peaceful world.“

The music resumed with Brahms Horn Trio, featuring the delicate pairing of two distinct tones, Hans Clebsch's horn and Emma Shook's violin, again with pianist Carolyn Warner.

Closing the program, Harmonia played a few rousing and passionate Hungarian dances. Steven Greenman, violin, Alexander Fedoriouk, cimbalom, Walt Mahovlich, accordion and Ken Javor, string bass sent us dancing out into the night, after two and half hours of wonderful music and inspiring words.



Thanks to Nighttown for graciously hosting the program, which will benefit the ongoing work of PAND and Cleveland Peace Action Education Fund.

Apologies to those who could not be present, since we sold all available tickets four days in advance of the concert. Stay tuned. You'll be hearing more from PAND.

If you feel inspired to do something for the abolition of nuclear weapons, we must tell you that President Obama has proposed increases in spending in order to refurbish the nuclear arsenal. Far from bolstering national security, this will put us in greater danger. You can call the President (202-456-1111) and Members of Congress (202-224-3121). Tell them: "Cut the nuclear weapons budget. There are better things to do with our tax dollars."



Francis Chiappa, co-president Cleveland Peace Action

An Invitation

Would you like to join us in holding a sign or waving a flag or handing out flyers at some of our impromptu demonstrations? It is fun, and it helps to get folks thinking about peace issues. Here are some CPA folks joined by Veterans for Peace at University Circle on Parade the Circle Day. Interested? Drop us a note at clevelandpeaceaction@gmail.com or call us at 216 231 4245 to be notified of coming events.



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We Reach Out to Ohio Senators Concerning Gaza

On July 24th, Cleveland Peace Action members joined with Veterans for Peace, Women Speak Out, Imagine Peace, Immigrant Support Network, Americans Friends Service Committee, and Code Pink, in a public display of our concerns over the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.



We gathered outside the Cleveland offices of Senators Brown and Portman, where a series of remarks were made by participants, including the statement printed below. Copies of this and other organizations' statements were then delivered to each of the Senators' offices.



STATEMENT ON GAZA Cleveland Peace Action

July 24, 2014

Cleveland Peace Action joins with organizations across the country in calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the Israeli offensive in Gaza.

We are horrified by what has now become a massacre of civilians trapped in Gaza with no way to flee or hide. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict will not be resolved until the blockade and siege of Gaza and the occupation of the West Bank and East Jerusalem ends.

The Israeli embargo on Gaza over the last several years has led to malnutrition (reported by the UN), lack of clean drinking water, joblessness, inability to leave the territory and other conditions which have made the people of Gaza desperate and more likely to use violence. They have the right to insist the embargo be lifted - with protections for Israeli security - as part of a ceasefire agreement. The Hamas rocket attacks are not unprovoked as stated in H. Res 657 and S Res 498!

Unconditional military and diplomatic support for Israel by the U.S. has only resulted in continuing violence. American protection of Israel from United Nations resolutions which have declared the settlements illegal has further added to the problem of a peaceful resolution, and increases anger in the Muslim world.

Congress has been under intense pressure from the pro-Israel lobby. But unconditional support for Israel is not in America's interest or in the interest of the peoples of either Palestine or Israel. Now is the time for our Congress members to support a ceasefire and an end to this horrific human rights disaster.

Congress must also reconsider its unconditional military funding and diplomatic support for Israel. We call for suspension of military assistance until Israel and other human rights abusing regimes in the Middle East (e.g., Egypt, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the Palestinian Authority) are compliant with international law.

World Issues Discussions **to be hosted by County Public Library**

Cleveland Peace Action is working with the Cuyahoga County Public Library, which is hosting a **Great Decisions** discussion series this fall where a group of young adults and adults will meet to discuss issues affecting our world. It is an eight week series, Thursday evenings, beginning on Sept. 11th, from 7-8:30 pm at the Beachwood Branch of the county library. The library will provide the briefing book as materials for participants to prepare, if they sign up in advance.

To sign up, visit: www.cuyahogalibrary.org

Great Decisions Series

Engage in discussion about issues impacting the world. The eight week facilitated discussion series will address U.S. foreign and trade policy, energy independence, Turkey, China, and Israel. Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD, and meeting in a group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

For more information about this program: [http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/Thursdays at Beachwood](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/Thursdays%20at%20Beachwood) (located at 25501 Shaker Blvd.)

September 11 Defense and Technology
September 18 Israel and the U.S.
September 25 Turkey's challenges
October 2 Islamic awakening

October 9 Energy Independence
October 16 Food and Climate
October 23 China's foreign policy
October 30 U.S. Trade Policy

60 YEARS OF TRYING TO GET RID OF NUKES

1963 PTBT - Partial Test Ban Treaty - Bans all above ground or undersea nuclear tests, limits testing to underground. US ratified in 1963; France and China have never done so.

1970 NPT - Non-proliferation Treaty - Forbids all non-nuclear states to start a nuclear weapons program. Calls for all parties to "pursue negotiations" to end the nuclear arms race" and to achieve "nuclear disarmament".

1996 CTBT - Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty - Bans all testing of nuclear weapons.

Since 1996, 196 states have taken part in CTBT negotiations. To enter into force, India, Pakistan, and N Korea must sign and US, China, Israel, Egypt, and Iran must ratify. The challenge is to put pressure on all 8 (**starting with the US Senate**).

2009 President Obama in Prague: "I state clearly and with conviction American's commitment to seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons."

2011 New Start Treaty US and Russia only. Significant cuts in weapons on both sides.

2013 UN DECLARATION: The 26th of September declared the annual International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. UN Resolution calls for Conference on Nuclear Disarmament by 2018, seeking to outlaw all nuclear weapons.

2014 US stockpile: 2100 operational warheads (ICBM, submarine, bombers)+2500 in storage +2700 awaiting dismantlement.

We still have more than enough nukes to destroy all life on earth. And yet the Obama administration proposes increased spending, \$200 billion over the next decade on extensive upgrade of all nuclear weapons systems: missiles, bombers, submarines, warheads, and the supporting complex.

HAWKEN STUDENTS JOIN CPA FOR A DAY OF LEARNING

One main theme in Cleveland Peace Action's successful day of programming with fifteen students from Hawken School was active listening. On May 22, 2014, David Berenson and Jeff Kassouff led the discussions on Israel/Palestine at Peace House for 11th grade students in an intensive Middle East class



taught by teacher Katie Scot. Ms. Scott appeared to prepare the students very well with several weeks of study on the issues, including many experiences and opportunities to meet community members involved in these issues.

One of the highlights of the day was a luncheon with mentors who engaged in one on one conversations with the students. CPA leaders and friends of CPA who have been peace/justice activists each sat with a student to share their lifetimes of involvement in the peace and justice movement, while sharing a middle eastern food lunch. Most of the mentors had deep roots in the Middle East or had recently traveled there with groups such as Interfaith Peace Builders. The adults explained their personal commitments to peace and their experiences in the Middle East. At the end the students debriefed by sharing with the group what they had learned from each of their mentors.

Another highlight was presentations by Nehemiah Stark and Elena Juodisius, both close in age to the students. Nehemiah, a recent graduate Columbia University, had just returned from a film-making project in the West Bank city of Hebron where Jewish and Palestinian neighbors live side by

side despite the ongoing conflict. He described first hand the problems, while showing some of his film clips. Elena Juodisius, also recently returned from her experience in the region through the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, and now a Student Academic Success Americorps/Vista member, described her deep immersion in intercultural dialogue with Jews and Palestinians. She led a short role playing session for the Hawken students to demonstrate how such deliberative dialogue can be applied in order to build understanding between antagonistic parties.

The day began with showing of the feature film, "The Other Son", which dramatized a plot in which two newborns, Palestinian and Israeli, were switched at birth. One can imagine the cultural dilemma for the families, discovering the mistake as the two boys entered adulthood. The students were led in a discussion of this film. Also, a documentary film, "My Neighborhood", about Israeli settlers taking over a Palestinian home in East Jerusalem, was shown at the end of the day. Both films proved excellent as springboards for student discussion.

Our thanks go out to all participants and presenters (including Mae and Hani at the Felafel House, at the corner of Euclid and Ford near the CWRU campus, for the great Middle Eastern luncheon cuisine). The learning went both ways and hopefully these young people developed a greater knowledge of the Middle East as well as their own commitments to peace making.

Kim Hill

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*On the main page you will find links to current news and opinion pieces;
use the ABOUT US button to read past issues of our newsletter;
check for volunteering opportunities;
under Calendar, look for up-coming events: talks, suppers,
demonstrations, tabling, etc.*

New!
Peace at the Pub
September 9th, October 14th, November 11th



Join us for three evenings of dialogues about peace – is there a better place for a good discussion of a serious subject?

When: 7 PM, the second Tuesdays in
September, October, and November

What: On September 9th we will show West Bank Story, an Oscar-winning short musical about living in peace in the West Bank. It will be followed by open and spirited dialogue. Topics for October and November to be announced.

Where: Market Garden Brewery - Harbor Room, 1947 W 25th Street

Who: Everyone is welcome

Free beer: That's right! Free beer all evening to the CPA member who brings the most non-member guests plus another lucky person who wins a drawing.

Park behind the West Side Market or take RTA.

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We hope to see **you** on September 9th!

Nathalie Diener



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CPA joins other peace groups to reach out to Ohio Senators concerning the disaster taking place in Gaza.
An exciting discussion series on important world issues to take place this fall.
A three part series on the search for peace, "Peace at the Pub", planned by CPA.