

Rolling Out The Carpet For Peace & Roll Out The Resistance To War



The Welcoming - Canadian welcomes US war resisters - Sculpture by Naomi Lewis

Are Vietnam resisters key to peace?

The world's attention is centred on the Vietnam resisters reunion being planned for July 6 to 9 at the Brilliant Cultural Centre in Castlegar, BC, where the controversial bronze statue, The Welcoming will be unveiled at a local private gallery. Pressure from right wing groups in the US have forced municipal politicians to backtrack on accepting the war-resisters sculpture by Naomi Lewis for display in public areas.

Dubbed the Our Way Home Reunion, the weekend event will mark the contribution made to Canadian life by the approximate 100,000 or so US war resisters and their family members who came to Canada during the Vietnam war. The reunion will honour the courage of those resisting current US militarism by seeking safe haven in Canada today, during the US war in Iraq. The reunion will also honour the thousands of Canadians who helped or are helping resisters of both the Vietnam and Iraq wars resettle in this country.

The reunion includes workshops, keynote presentations, panel discussions, on-stage theatre performances, a film festival and a major peace concert.

This event provides an opportunity for those who came to Canada as war resisters during the Vietnam war to be reunited with those who assisted them in Canada.

History

The Vietnam war, and the widespread war resistance it spurred, proved a turning point in Canada's development as a nation. In an assertion of sovereignty in its post-WWII relationship with the US, Canada opened its borders and provided Americans the opportunity to oppose the Vietnam war by immigrating and starting new lives.

From 1965 to 1973, more than 50,000 draft-age American men, who refused to participate in the Vietnam war, made their way to Canada. More than half

of those who came then, plus their families, remain in the country today. Many of them settled in rural areas, becoming part of the back to the land movement of the 60s and '70s. Others gravitated to Canada's urban centres, and continue to work promoting and maintaining the kind of social justice they experienced upon arrival to this country.

At the time, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau said: "Those who make the conscientious judgment that they must not participate in this war... have my complete sympathy, and indeed our political approach has been to give them access to Canada. Canada should be a refuge from militarism."

Why Castlegar for this event?

The reunion will be held at the Brilliant Cultural Centre, a beautiful performance hall. The centre was founded by the Doukhobor population of the region, whose ancestors fled Russia in 1899 after destroying their weapons as a demonstration of their refusal to

fight in the Tsar's army. Russian author Leo Tolstoy helped finance the Doukhobors' immigration to Canada.

The towns of Castlegar and nearby Nelson, BC and the surrounding region of the West Kootenays were a leading terminus in what was known as the anti-war Underground Railroad. It is estimated that as many as 14,000 US war resisters came to the area at the height of the Vietnam war. New arrivals were frequently welcomed and assisted by members of two resident pacifist groups, the Doukhobors and the Quakers, the latter having earlier settled in the area after fleeing the US during the McCarthy period.

The community of Brilliant, part of Castlegar, is located at the confluence of the Kootenay and Columbia rivers, surrounded by mountains. The present-day West Kootenay Region, with an estimated population of 40,000, consists of many communities rich in arts, cultural life and an activism rooted in the contributions of the numerous US expatriates that have made the area their home.

Where is Castlegar?

Castlegar can be accessed by bus, air or private vehicle. It is 621 km (386 miles) from Vancouver, 262 km (163 miles) from Spokane, 619 km (385 miles) from Calgary and 48 km (30 miles) from the US border.

International high profile speakers

Keynote speaker **George McGovern**, the 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, will long be remembered for his courage in speaking out against US involvement in the Vietnam war.

McGovern was first elected to Congress in 1956 and re-elected in 1958. As a congressman, he was an advocate for the American farmer and represented the US heartland with distinction. In 1960, President John F. Kennedy named him the first director of the Food for Peace Program and special assistant to the president. McGovern was then elected to the Senate in 1962 and re-elected in 1968 and 1974. As a member of the Senate committees he led the way in expanding key nutrition programs.

In 1976, President Gerald Ford named McGovern a delegate to the UN General Assembly, and, in 1978, President Jimmy Carter named him a United Nations delegate to the Special Session on Disarmament. After leaving the Senate in 1980, McGovern was a visiting professor at numerous institutions, including Columbia University, Northwestern University, Cornell



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The peace movement throughout North-America is converging in Castlegar, British Columbia for Canada's Woodstock.



- Arun Gandhi

University, American University and the University of Berlin. He served as president of the Middle East Policy Council from 1991 to 1998, when President Clinton appointed him ambassador to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. In 2001, he was appointed the first UN global ambassador on hunger. In this position, McGovern continues his leadership in the battle against world hunger.

A prolific author, McGovern has also lectured at more than 1,000 colleges and universities around the world. He has received many honorary degrees and distinguished awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honour in the US, which was bestowed upon him by President Bill Clinton on August 9, 2000.

Mahatma Gandhi's grandson knows violence

Special guest presenter **Arun Gandhi**, is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi and president and co-founder, along with his wife Sunanda, of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence in Memphis, Tennessee.

Born in 1934 in Durban, South Africa under the discriminatory apartheid laws, he was beaten by "white" South Africans for being too black and "black" South Africans for being too white. For as time, he sought eye-for-an-eye justice, until he learned from his elders that justice does not mean revenge, it means transforming the opponent through love and suffering.

Grandfather Gandhi taught Arun to understand non-violence through understanding violence. "If we know how much passive violence we perpetrate against one another we will understand why there is so much physical violence plaguing societies and the world," the Mahatma said. Through daily lessons, Arun learned about violence and about anger.

Arun shares these lessons all around the world. For the past five years, he has participated in the Renaissance Weekend deliberations with former president Clinton and other well-respected Rhodes scholars. This year, some of his engagements included speaking at the Chicago Children's Museum and the Women's Justice Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He also delivered talks at the Young President's Organization in Mexico, the International Trade Union Leaders

Deep Impact From Renowned Speakers And Performers

"I would like to express my thanks to Canadians for opening their borders and providing sanctuary and a new home to American war resisters who, out of conscience, opposed the Vietnam War. For many of those resisters it meant the beginning of new lives."

- Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi

meeting in Milan, Italy, as well as the Peace and Justice Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Sometimes, his journeys take him even further. He has spoken in Croatia, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Lithuania, Nicaragua, China and Japan. Also, he is a very popular speaker on college campuses.

Tom Hayden a '60s icon

Tom Hayden is a '60s icon. He was a student movement, civil rights and anti-war leader, and one of the Chicago Seven. Hayden was among the most progressive state senators in California, initiating far-reaching environmental and worker rights legislation. He has been speaking up in opposition to the US occupation of Iraq and last year joined a group of US notables calling for Canadians to send a letter directly to the Canadian prime minister urging him to allow US soldiers to enter Canada during the US war in Iraq.



share with the veterans how she finally found happiness and freedom after years of pain and suffering. She even met the pilot who co-coordinated the air strike on her village. And, she forgave him!

During her visit to Washington, she met Ron Gibbs, a Vietnam veteran who helped set up the Kim Foundation, a private charitable organization dedicated to funding the work of international organizations that provide free medical assistance to children who are victims of war and terrorism. The foundation is a way for Kim to give something back in return for all the help she received. It also provides a means for her to promote peace and forgiveness. In 1997 UNESCO named Kim a Goodwill Ambassador for Peace and since then she also received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

Vets for Peace well represented

David Cline is the US national president of Veterans for Peace. He is a disabled combat veteran who served with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam during 1967. Upon his return he joined the GI anti-war movement and helped publish the underground Fatigue Press at Fort Hood, Texas. In 1970 he joined Vietnam Veterans Against the War and has been a member ever since. He works homeless veterans, in PTSD rap groups and co-founded the Jersey City Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee.



Napalm victim to attend



Kim Phuc, well-known napalm victim, will also be speaking. The Vietnam war gave rise to many tragedies, some more familiar than others. A photograph of a young girl running naked down a road, her skin burned by napalm, changed the way the world looked at the Vietnam war, and indeed at all wars.

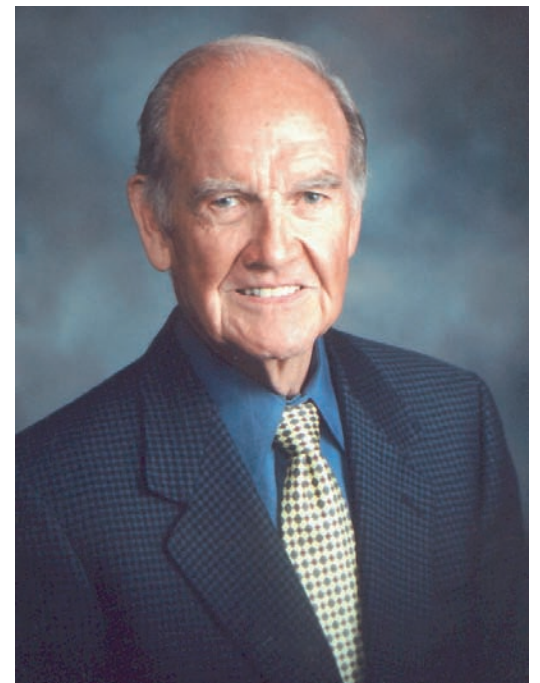
seen around the world, and later won a Pulitzer Prize. The girl in that photograph is Kim Phuc.

Phan Thi Kim Phuc was born and raised in the village of Trang Bang, 30 minutes north of Saigon. During the Vietnam war, the strategic Route 1 that runs through the village became the main supply road between Saigon and Phnom Penh. On June 8, 1972, a US military advisor co-coordinated the napalm bombing of Kim's village by the South Vietnamese. The nine-year-old girl fled from a pagoda, where she and her family had been hiding. Two of her infant cousins did not survive the attack, and Kim was badly burned.

Kim was photographed running down the road, screaming from burns to her skin. Nick Ut's photograph of Kim remains one of the most unforgettable images of the Vietnam war.

In 1986, Kim seized the opportunity to study in Cuba, but once again her studies were cut short. She was beset with physical problems, including diabetes, which blurred her vision. While in Cuba, she met a fellow Vietnamese student, who she married. Eventually, she and her husband settled in Canada with the help of some Quakers.

In 1996, in Washington, DC, Kim spoke to Vietnam war veterans about her experiences after the napalm attack on her village. She used that opportunity to



- George McGovern

Thought provoking individuals share their experiences

Journalist with a peaceful view



Mark Nykanen is a four-time Emmy Award-winning investigative journalist for NBC TV. Nykanen is war resister who has moved with his family to Nelson, BC and is working as a fiction writer.

Lawyer for deserters

Jeffrey House, is legal counsel representing Jeremy Hinzman, and other US military deserters who are applying for refugee status in Canada. Jeffrey House was called to the bar in Ontario and practises law in Toronto. House came to Canada as a US draft resister during the Vietnam war.



Northern Passage author

John Hagan PhD is the leading author, researcher and historian on US war resisters coming to Canada during the Vietnam war. Dr. Hagan is author of the award winning book, *Northern Passage: American Vietnam War Resisters in Canada*, published by Harvard University Press. Dr. Hagan is a professor in the department of sociology at Northwestern University and continues his research at the University of Toronto. John Hagan came to Canada as a US draft resister during the Vietnam war.



Tikkune editor was with SDS

Rabbi Michael Lerner, noted writer, author and editor of the leading progressive Jewish magazine in the North America, *Tikkun*. Rabbi Lerner was imprisoned during the Vietnam war for his anti-war activities in Seattle, Washington. Rabbi Lerner was chair of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of California at Berkeley.



GI outreach

Steve Morse is the GI rights program co-coordinator for the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors (CCCO) in Oakland, CA, working with the GI Rights Hotline. In the mid and late '60s, he was active

with Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and did alternative service as a conscientious objector that included draft resistance work and anti-war outreach to GIs. In 1969, he joined the army to be part of GI resistance, which included in four months in Vietnam and six months of stockade confinement for distributing dissident literature. He was a sheet metal worker and shop steward and has also taught mathematics. He is active in Veterans for Peace/Veteran Speakers' Alliance.



Peace Review editor

Stephen Zunes PhD is a professor of politics and chair of the peace and justice studies program at the University of San Francisco. He is an associate editor of *Peace Review* and won recognition in 2002 by the Peace and Justice Studies Association as peace scholar of the year. His periodic op-ed columns appear in major daily newspapers throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. In addition, he is a frequent guest on Pacifica Radio, National Public Radio, Public Radio International, BBC radio, CBC radio and MSNBC. Prof. Zunes is the author of scores of articles for scholarly and general readership on Middle Eastern politics, US foreign policy, international terrorism, social movements and human rights. He is the principal editor of *Nonviolent Social Movements* and the author of the highly acclaimed *Tinderbox: US Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism*.



Helped stop Canadian Star Wars

Steven Staples is director of the Polaris Institute's project on the corporate-security state, and a frequent contributor to policy discussions. The Polaris Institute is a public interest research group based in Ottawa. Steven Staples organized the campaign opposing Canada's participation in the US missile defence system. Staples will present important Canadian strategies toward shifting government policy, allowing US war resisters safe passage and permanent residency in Canada.



MP Blaikie to speak

MP Bill Blaikie was born and grew up in Transcona, Manitoba. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and religious studies from the University of Winnipeg in 1973 and a master of divinity degree from the Toronto School of Theology in 1977. From 1977 to 1979, he worked as director of an outreach ministry of the United Church in the North End of Winnipeg. Mr. Blaikie was ordained to the ministry of the United Church of Canada in 1978.

Blaikie was first elected to the House of Commons in 1979 as a New Democrat and has been re-elected eight times, most recently on January 23, 2006. He is dean of the House of Commons. His interest in the anti-Vietnam war movement helped him discover the prophetic tradition within the larger biblical tradition that calls on citizens to challenge the self-righteous assumptions and hidden corporate interests of their own "side" in conflicts like the Vietnam war.



Saving the orphans

Eloise Charet and her sister ran an orphanage in Cambodia until the fall of Saigon. Journalists called Charet's orphanage "an island of joy amidst a sea of despair." In a 1997 *Readers Digest* article entitled, *We refuse to Leave Without Our Children*, described how Eloise and her sister ignored three evacuation notices and became world famous because they would not leave without their babies. In the end they helped save 85 Khmer orphans and brought back survivors from an air plane crash in Saigon. Eloise Charet now makes her home in the West Kootenays of British Columbia.



Activist former MP

Svend Robinson served as MP representing the New Democratic Party in his Burnaby riding from 1979 to 2004. Svend was one of the youngest MPs, and served as party spokesperson on justice and foreign affairs. He was born in the US, and in the 1960s his father and mother brought their family to Canada to begin a new life, settling in British Columbia. As a social change-agent in Parliament, Svend Robinson was an unflinching, visible leader speaking out and representing progressive views on many issues including gay rights, the environment, disarmament, and the rights of the Palestinian people. Svend was the first openly gay MP in Canada, and was adopted into the Haida Nation. He was named an honorary director of both the BC and Ottawa Civil Liberties Associations and of *Lawyers Against Apartheid*. Svend currently works in the advocacy department of the BC Government and Service Employees Union.



Veterans of War Veterans of Peace author

Keith Mather is a member of Veterans for Peace. For 13 years he has been a member of Veterans Writers Workshop, led by internationally renowned US author Maxine Hong Kingston. Keith Mather has authored his story in a book published in April 2006, *Veterans of War, Veterans of Peace*, edited by Maxine Hong Kingston.

Keith Mather was drafted right out of high school in Sept 1967. He was in fact opposed to the Vietnam



war when he was drafted. Keith trained as an infantryman at Fort Lewis, Washington. While in the military he became increasingly opposed to the war. Keith Mather's first AWOL was in December of 1967, second AWOL was in February 1968.

He took part in the Nine for Peace demonstration in San Francisco in July of that year. For his anti-war activities Keith was put into the stockade at the Presidio of San Francisco.

While awaiting his first court martial a fellow prisoner was shot and killed by a guard while on a work detail. Keith and 26 other prisoners staged a non-violent sit down demonstration inside the stockade grounds, for which they were charged with mutiny. Prior to this second court martial, Mather along with another prisoner, escaped from the Presidio stockade, travelled to Canada arriving in Vancouver January 1, 1969. Mather lived in Canada for 12 years where he married a Canadian woman.

Upon returning to California in 1980, he lived openly for four years before being arrested and put back into the army where he spent five months at Fort Ord and Fort Riley in Kansas. Mather was discharged on May 10, 1985. He now lives and works in the San Francisco area, and travels to Canada often, maintaining his many friendships. These days you can find Mather speaking in schools as he continues to support resistance to war. Keith is featured in the newly released anti-war documentary film, *Sir! No! Sir!* Keith Mather indicates his thanks to Canada for its welcome and warmth.

Family escaped Tsar

Newly elected **MP Alex Atamanenko**, is the son of refugees from the Russian Revolution, who was born and raised in New Westminster, BC. He earned a bachelor's degree in recreation administration from UBC and a master's in Russian literature from the University of Toronto. He served as an interpreter during the prime minister's visit to the Soviet Union in 1989 and for the Canadian navy trip to Vladivostok in 1990.



As a devoted advocate for peace, he has been very active in the Kootenay Region United Nations Association. He lives in the West Kootenays whenever his duties as Member of Parliament and NDP agriculture critic do not require him to be in Ottawa.

Helped found SDS

While a student at Union Theological Seminary in New York City from 1959 on, **Brewster Kneen** was involved in local peace activities as well as the founding of Students for a Democratic Society. After graduation he worked for the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) as student secretary, which involved counseling conscientious objection on college campuses all over the US, as well as being involved in organizing some of the mass peace and civil rights demonstrations in Washington.

One significant event was a weekend conference in 1964 organized by Brewster and Dimitri Rousopoulos, the Montreal editor of *Our Generation Against Nuclear War* at the Nyack, NY, headquarters of the FOR. The purpose of the conference was to internationalize the peace movement, bringing Canadian and

US peace activists together - and to introduce the new left leaders to the most respected old left leaders. Among the New Left leaders present was Tom Hayden.

Since then, Brewster has pursued a vocation of critical social analysis and exploration of hope as a student of theology, public affairs broadcaster, sheep farmer, co-op organizer and author of five books, including *From Land to Mouth - Understanding the Food System*. *Invisible Giant*, *Cargill and Its Transnational Strategies*, and most recently, *Farmageddon, Food and the Culture of Biotechnology*. Brewster is founding director of The Forum on Privatization and the Public Domain (www.forumonpublicdomain.ca).



Brewster and Cathleen Kneen live on an organic farm in Sorrento, BC, and continue to publish *The Ram's Horn*, a monthly newsletter of food systems analysis, now in its 26th year.

Peace concert performers



Buffy Sainte-Marie has appeared all over Europe, Canada, Australia and Asia, receiving honours, medals and awards which continue to this day. Her song *Universal Soldier* became the anthem of the peace movement during the Vietnam war and continues to be an anthem of the peace movement to this day. Her song *Until It's Time for You to Go* was recorded by Elvis and

Cher. For her first album she was voted Billboard's best new artist. She disappeared suddenly from the mainstream US airwaves during the Lyndon Johnson years. Being blacklisted during the Vietnam war affected Eartha Kitt, Taj Mahal and a host of other outspoken performers. Buffy's name was included on White House stationery as among those whose music "deserved to be suppressed." In Indian country and abroad, however, her fame only grew. She continued to appear at countless grassroots concerts, AIM events and other activist benefits. She made 17 albums of her music, three of her own television specials, spent five years on *Sesame Street*, scored movies, helped to found Canada's music of Aboriginal Canada Juno category, raised a son, earned a PhD in fine arts, taught digital music as adjunct professor at several colleges, and won an Academy Award for the song *Up Where We Belong*.

Holly Near immense talent

Near is a unique combination of entertainer, teacher and activist. She was a major figure speaking out in opposition to the Vietnam war and supporting the GI movement opposing the war. An immense vocal talent, Near's career as a singer has been profoundly defined by an unwillingness to separate her passion for music from her passion for human dignity. She is a skilled performer and an outspoken ambassador for peace who brings to the stage an integration of world consciousness, spiritual discovery and theatricality. Near's strength and versatility as a performer has led

to creative collaborations with such artists as Ronnie Gilbert, Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Mercedes Sosa, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Inti-Illimani, Bonnie Raitt, Cris Williamson, and Linda Tillery. Near's portrait



hangs at The Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio along with those of other social change artists including Paul Robeson, Marion Anderson, Pete Seeger, Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon, Joan Baez, Harry Belafonte and Woody Guthrie.

Gilbert of the Weavers

Ronnie Gilbert is a singer, actor and peace activist (formerly with the Weavers). A Theatre Energy original production will be performed for this reunion event, reuniting Ronnie Gilbert and other members who together, in the 1970s, formed this professional theatre company headquartered in the West Kootenays' Slocan Valley. Theatre Energy performed professionally throughout Canada through the 1970s and early 1980s and will have a new production for this upcoming event.



The Khac Chi

Sounds of Vietnam features two premiere musicians, performing exquisite music on rare and unique instruments. These virtuoso artists offer an intriguing glimpse into the rich musical tradition of Vietnam and its 4,000-year history. Famous for their musical skills innovation throughout Vietnam, the Khac Chi takes you on an adventure in sound. Extremely versatile, their concerts may include a combination of music.



They are as equally comfortable performing solo chamber concerts, as they are on folk festival stages, or as guest soloists for symphony orchestras.

Their rare talents and superb musicianship have won them numerous awards for excellence, as well as many invitations for international appearances.

Bill King

A pianist, vocalist, composer and publisher, **Bill King's** numerous recording and production credits include 2003 and 2004 producer of the year awards at the National Jazz Awards.

King came to Canada as a US military deserter during the Vietnam war. He was born in Jeffersonville, Indiana in 1946. By the early '60s, he had won 16 first place awards in classical piano and clarinet competitions and a scholarship to the Oscar Peterson Advanced School of Contemporary Music, which he attended in 1963.

In 1966, Bill King's band, The Chateaus, had their first Billboard Top 50 hit with jazz pianist Bobby Timmons' gospel romp, *Moanin'*. After this success, he worked with many of the stars of the day, such as the Shangri-las, Dick and Dee Dee, Freddy Cannon,

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the Dovells, and Ronnie Dove. The Chateaus opened for the Beach Boys on three occasions, and worked with the Dick Clark Caravan of Stars.

In the mid-'60s, King held the position as house pianist at Louie Jordan's club at Greenwich Village in lower Manhattan. He then moved to Los Angeles, to become music director and pianist for Linda Ronstadt. A year later, he joined Janis Joplin's band in the same capacity. In 1969, King moved to Toronto and signed a recording contract with Capitol Records. Over the next couple of years he released two albums as leader of his own band - Goodbye Superdad and Dixie Peach. King returned to Los Angeles in 1976 as music director for vocalist Martha Reeves. After accompanying her on a European tour, he joined The Pointer Sisters and spent the next year touring Japan and the US with them. Other gigs included tours with John Klemmer and with VSOP, the reconstituted Miles Davis jazz group, featuring Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Tony Williams, Freddie Hubbard and Ron Carter.

King returned to Toronto in the late '70s to form the rock group, China, and record one self-titled album for Epic/CBS. By 1984 after a year-long stint with Ronnie Hawkins and the Hawks, King opened his first independent jazz label, Night Passage Records. During those years Bill King's recording of Avenue B was nominated for best jazz recording at the Junos.

During the mid-'80s, King co-founded The Jazz Report Magazine, which was distributed worldwide. He has also been a driving force in the success of the Beaches International Jazz Festival since its inception in 1988. His duties as artistic director and emcee bring him in contact with some of the finest talent worldwide. Recently, King added artistic duties for the Toronto International Blues Festival to his portfolio.

For Radioland Enterprises, King co-produced top-selling Tyler Yarema and His Rhythm's debut CD Gotta Bran' New Suit (featuring Yarema's boogie/swing piano) and also Pat LaBarbera's Deep In a Dream, which collected the 2000 Juno for best traditional jazz recording.

Currently, King leads four highly-regarded Toronto bands:

- o The Rockit 88 Band (Maple Blues Award and Juno nominee)
- o Saturday Nite Fish Fry
- o The King Alleyne Roth Trio
- o The award winning hard bop aggregate Kollage, whose CD Fine Print has sold more than 10,000 copies in Canada.

Pied Pumkin

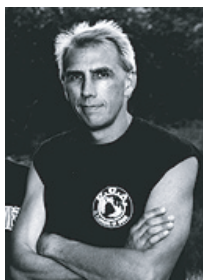
Absolutely original, slightly organic and eternally orange, Vancouver's legendary folk trio has been creating infectious music for more than 25 years. In the mid-'70s Pied Pumkin's mixture of timeless music, fearless arrangements and irreverent humour defied categorization and made the group a West Coast favourite. Since the '70s, Pied Pumkin's many visits to the West Kootenays have made them a comfortable fixture in the lives of Kootenayites. Their combination of dulcimer, violin, guitar and flawless harmonies created a



sound completely original and enduring. They self-produced two albums which sold more than 30,000 copies for their own Squash Records - one of Canada's first independent labels.

The 1998 Pied Pumkin retrospective CD, Plucking DeVine, made Jurgen Gothe's top 10-album list and was nominated as best folk/Roots Album in the Pacific Music Industry Awards. In March 2000 the Pumkin released Pied Alive, a live CD of 13 songs recorded in nine different communities during on their hugely successful 33-concert tour of Western Canada in 1999.

Hardcore founders coming



DOA is a hardcore punk band from Vancouver. Members' careers began in 1978, when they invented the term "hardcore punk" to describe their sound. As such they are often referred to as the "legend or the founders of hardcore by their following. Singer/guitarist Joey Keithley is the only founding member still in the band.

DOA has always maintained an uncompromising populist political stance. The band is known for its outspoken political opinions and has a history of playing for many causes and benefits. Its slogan is "Talk minus action equals zero." Anti-racism, peace, anti-globalization, freedom of speech and the environment are a few of the issues the band is known to rally around.

Local talent

Yoko Cowin's recent opening for Jan Arden marked her place as one of Nelson's most celebrated singer/songwriters. Her sultry and soulful voice illuminates her new and signature pieces.



www.ourwayhomereunion.com

Event Schedules

(Schedule Events Program is subject to change)

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Brilliant Cultural Centre
8 am
REGISTRATION

Brilliant Cultural Centre
9 am to 4 pm
WORKSHOP

(Advanced registration required - visit www.ourwayhomereunion.com to register)

Two Roads Taken: War Resisters and Veterans Healing the Effects of War Together - Day and a half workshop for veterans, war resisters and family members/significant others - facilitated by the National Coalition Building Institute of Canada. Co-led by a Vietnam veteran and peace activist. The workshop will create understanding and build connections between groups.

Capitol Theatre
Nelson, BC
7 pm

FILM EVENING

War Resistance in the US and Beyond
(For registrants and the public)

FRIDAY, JULY 9

Brilliant Cultural Center
9 am to 12 noon

WORKSHOP (continued) **Two Roads Taken: War Resisters and Veterans Healing the Effects of War** - completion of NCBI facilitated event.

2 pm to 5 pm

PANEL PRESENTATION

Social Activist Leaders Responding In a Time of Crisis with Tom Hayden,

Rabbi Michael Lerner, Brewster Kneen and Svend Robinson. US and Canadian anti-war leaders and US war resisters will discuss their personal histories, i.e. How their lives intersected with historic events and how they responded, what they have learned from the successes and failures in the past, and their hopes of creating a more just and peaceful world in the future.

Brilliant Cultural Center
5:30 pm to 7 pm

DINNER social mixer for registered guests - catered finger foods

Brilliant Cultural Centre
8:00pm

EVENING PROGRAM Celebrating the Path Taken with host Mark Nykanen,

four-time Emmy Award-winning investigative journalist and novelist, and speaker Rabbi Michael Lerner.

Performers: Bill King, Pied Pumpkin, Ronnie Gilbert, Theatre Energy's Three Fingered Frank and special performance by the Doukhobor Men's Choir

To register and for more information call (250)352-1187
or visit

www.ourwayhomereunion.com

SATURDAY, JULY 8

9 am to 12 noon
WORKSHOPS

Three break out groups led by major peace activists:

- Sharing Personal Stories (Flight, survival, assistance and lives made in Canada)
- Canadian Legal and Legislative Issues for US War Resisters in Canada (Then and now)
- Canadian and US Movement to Assist US War Resisters (Then and now)
- Two Roads Taken: War Resisters and Veterans, Healing the Effects of War Together
- Resolving Conflicts Non-violently in Today's World

Brilliant Cultural Centre
9 am to 12 noon

Hands Up! Political theatre workshop for anyone interested in getting their point across with satire, wit and play. Based on work by the world famous San Francisco Mime Troupe

Brilliant Cultural Centre
2 pm to 5 pm
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

George McGovern: A Nation's Hope
In a Time of Crisis
Performer: Yoko Cowin

Brilliant Cultural Center
7 pm to 11 pm
EVENING CONCERT

Rolling Out the Resistance to War Peace Concert.

Performers: Buffy Sainte-Marie, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, Khac Chi Vietnamese Ensemble and DOA.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

9 am to 12 noon
WORKSHOPS

Break out groups led by major peace activists

Hands Up! Political theatre workshop.

Based on work by the San Francisco Mime Troupe. Includes performances from Boundary Lines; Ancestry, Edge, a new play that chronicles the experiences of an Eastern European family through generations of war resistance.

Brilliant Cultural Center
2 pm to 4 pm

FINAL PROGRAM AND CLOSING CEREMONY

Non-Violence and the Path of War Resistance
Keynote speaker Arun Gandhi

with John J. Verigen Jr, Kim Phuc and special performance by the Doukhobor Choir and Holly Near.

We are offering a broad list of workshops for you to choose from during two sessions offered: One session on Saturday, July 8 and one session Sunday, July 9. The Saturday and Sunday workshop sessions run from 9 am to noon.

Attendees will choose from five categories:

- Sharing Personal Stories (Flight, survival, assistance and lives made in Canada)
- Canadian Legal and Legislative Issues for US War Resisters in Canada
- Canadian and US Movement to Assist US War Resisters
- Two Roads Taken: War Resisters and Veterans, Healing the Effects of War Together
- Resolving Conflicts Non-violently in Today's World



Source: www.creative-native.com

Tickets available at following ticket outlets

Castlegar Brilliant Cultural Centre

Grand Forks USCC Doukhobor Community Centre

Kaslo Sunnyside Cafe

Nelson Gold Yogi Imports Spirit Quest

Spokane Auntie's Books

Trail L & J Books

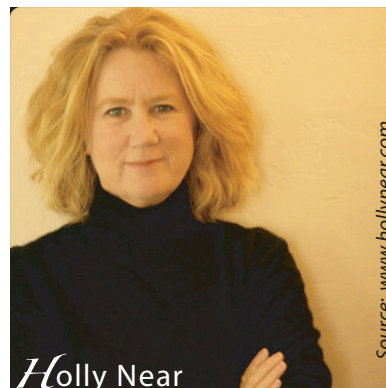
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Peace Event & Reunion



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Ticket Package Details

Package #1

Early \$150 CAD
After June 15 \$175 CAD

Includes: Thur 6th 7pm Film Program
All scheduled events starting Fri 7th 2pm through weekend concluding Sun 9th 4pm
No meals

Package #2

Early \$210 CAD
After June 15 \$235 CAD

Includes: Thur 6th 7pm Film Program
All scheduled events starting on Friday noon Lunch through the weekend concluding on Sunday the 9th 3 lunches and 2 dinners

Package #3

Early \$190 CAD
After June 15 \$215 CAD

Includes: All scheduled events starting Thur 6th 9am through weekend concluding Sun 9th 4pm
Thur lunch only

Package #4

Early \$250 CAD
After June 15 \$275 CAD

Includes: All scheduled events starting Thur 6th 9am through weekend concluding Sun 9th 4pm
All meals: 4 lunches and 2 dinners

Friday

Early \$65 CAD
After June 15 \$75 CAD

Fri 7th Starts 2pm panel discussion w/ Tom Hayden, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Brewster Kneen, and Svend Robinson through Evening Program w/ Mark Nykanen, Bill King, Pied Pumpkin, Ronnie Gilbert
Fri Dinner & Social Mixer

Saturday

Early \$90 CAD
After June 15 \$100 CAD

Sat 8th Starts 9am workshop, includes afternoon Keynote Address George McGovern and evening Peace Concert Buffy Sainte-Marie, Holly Near, DOA
Sat Lunch & Dinner

Sunday

Early \$40 CAD
After June 15 \$45 CAD

Sunday 9th Starts 9am workshop through Final Program and Closing Ceremony w/ Arun Gandhi, John J. Verigen Jr., Kim Phuc and performance Doukhobor Women's Choir & Holly Near
Includes Sun Lunch

Peace Concert

Early \$40 CAD
After June 15 \$50 CAD

Saturday 8th 7pm performance includes Buffy Sainte-Marie, Holly Near, Ronnie Gilbert, Khac Chi Vietnamese Ensemble, and DOA