



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: EAST-YORK BASED NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY ARTS ORGANIZATION CHILDREN'S PEACE THEATRE TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE AND THE LAUNCH OF THEIR YOUTH ARTS SPACE**

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**Toronto, August 25, 2014** – On Sunday, September 21, 2014 **Children's Peace Theatre** will be celebrating **International Day of Peace** with the launch of their new **Youth Arts Space**.

The **Youth Arts Space (YAS)** is in its emergent phase and its main focus is building a solid foundation within the community and developing positive networks for local youth in Toronto. **Children's Peace Theatre** is an award winning organization whose mission is to transform conflict through an arts-based methodology. With support from The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario, Children's Peace theatre is excited for the launch of the YAS as part of their **Shared Platform Initiative**. YAS will allow youth living in the Taylor Massey Community to share their love for art, culture and ancestral stories with like-minded individuals in an inclusive space dedicated to community growth.

The **United Nations** declared September 21, 1981 as the first **International Day of Peace**. Since its inception, it has been celebrated across the world through festivals and conventions, and a moment of silence takes place at noon sharp in every time zone to send peace to others with the same vision.

The event at **Children's Peace Theatre** will start at noon with a moment of silence, followed by activities led by community artists, a social-profit marketplace, healing circles, artist performances, and a speech from a keynote speaker (TBA). In addition, **Children's Peace Theatre** community partners, funders and supporters will be invited to attend including local government representatives.

The event takes place **Sunday, September 21, 2014** between **12 – 9 p.m.** at **Children's Peace Theatre**, located at 305 Dawes Rd, Toronto, ON M4B 2E2.

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## **ABOUT CHILDREN'S PEACE THEATRE**

Children's Peace Theatre, an award-winning community arts organization, most recently recognized as a finalist for the 2014 Toronto Arts Foundation Arts for Youth Award, provides programming for under-served children and youth in the Taylor Massey Community.

Under the guidance of Artistic Director Karen Emerson, Children's Peace Theatre delivers programs through carefully selected young professional artists each year who not only reflect the diversity of the children and youth we serve but also bring an exciting range of artistic talents including theatre, music, and visual arts. Programs include a three-week summer theatre camp, after-school programs, youth leadership projects, in-school workshops and youth-led initiatives.

**For more information on Children's Peace Theatre and its programming, please visit [www.childrenspeacetheatre.org](http://www.childrenspeacetheatre.org)**