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CHILDREN'S PEACE THEATRE HOSTS ANNUAL PEACE GALA TO CELEBRATE VISIONS OF PEACE THROUGH THE EYES OF COMMUNITY CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

TORONTO, July 11, 2014—On July 26, 2014, **Children's Peace Theatre** hosts its annual **Peace Gala**, celebrating the close of **Peace Camp** as well as all those who contributed to it. **Peace Camp**, a three-week program that takes place every July at **Children's Peace Theatre**, brings a number of local professional artists together with youth and junior guides as they work in a collaborative effort with over 40 children aged 8-13 to create an original theatre production complete with a musical score and visual production pieces. The goal of **Peace Camp** is for children to explore relevant social issues and express their visions of peace through arts based methodology.

The theme of this year's camp, aptly entitled **White Noise**, focuses on media awareness in an information age and also pays homage to **Marshall McLuhan** and the 50th anniversary of his book **Understanding Media: The Extensions of Man**, which first introduced his famous words "**The Medium is the Message.**"

"As the Director and a former student of Radio and Television, I am fascinated with finding out how children today relate to media and what role it plays in their lives." says **Tanisha Taitt**, Director of **White Noise**. "I have no doubt that **White Noise** will be another conscious and revealing artistic excavation by **Children's Peace Theatre.**"

White Noise aims to address the function and credibility of today's media and how it has changed considerably in recent years. Once a reliable source for news and information, is now an endless stream of corporate fodder where fact mixes dangerously with fiction and is fed to our youth. The production encourages young people to explore media and the messages that they receive and ask "Whose story is being told" as well as "Whose story isn't?" and how these messages impact their ideas about the world and as well as their sense of self.

There will be three public performances of **White Noise** on **July 24** (Dress Rehearsal), **July 25**, and the final Peace Gala on **July 26**.

TICKET INFORMATION

Peace Gala Performance

Saturday, July 26, 2014

Show starts at 5 p.m. followed by a cocktail reception

\$25 Adults \$15 Students & Seniors \$10 Children 14 and under

Matinees

Thursday, July 24, 2014 (Dress Rehearsal) & Friday, July 25, 2014

Show starts at 1 p.m.

Pay What You Can

Location

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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.

The work of **Children's Peace Theatre** poses questions for young people to explore, examine and question the world they live in—a world that often celebrates acts of violence, yet at the same time produces acts of heart stopping courage, kindness and humility. **Peace Camp** gives children the opportunity to transform conflict through an arts-based methodology, resulting in some of the best summer theatre Toronto has to offer.

Under the guidance of **Artistic Director Karen Emerson**, **Children's Peace Theatre** delivers our 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