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Speech by Rafael de la Rubia, International Coordinator

Official Launch of the World March in Punta de Vacas



"Friends. From this highly inspirational place, surrounded by tall mountains, from where the keys of "active nonviolence" and "universalist humanism" were given, we are launching the World March for Peace and Nonviolence." So started the text that **Rafael de la Rubia, International Coordinator of the World March** read in front of hundreds of people congregated in Punta de Vacas Park, Argentina, at an altitude of some 3000m, very close to Aconcagua.

A project based on initiatives and endorsements of all kinds

Immediately he made mention of multiple initiatives and endorsements of people and organisations of all kinds, pointing out that: *"They are initiatives which arise, in most cases, from the social base. Many of them have the profile of something rather new, innovative, out of the ordinary. With strong characteristics and a lot of imagination, they often carry a playful and festive tone..."* Ideas of all kinds to carry out from here to the start of the March and during the March itself. Associations and networks, the world of education and sport, councils, nations, Nobel Prize winners, astronauts, intellectuals, scientists, parliamentarians and politicians, lawyers, musicians, singers, actors, painters, designers and many more, have already embraced this worldwide aspiration, even before this 15th of November, with 321 days to go to the start. We can highlight the importance of three mega-concerts (Prague, Dakar and Santiago) and the project of concerts in all the cities through which the march passes, even with simultaneous concerts in places of conflict such as India-Pakistan, the two Koreas and Mexico-USA. "The WM can help in places of conflict or with closed borders", De la Rubia explained.

New routes and sections added to the March.

Since the initial outline from New Zealand to Argentina, numerous new routes or sections have been added which added together is longer than the initial route in kilometres. And the list of 40 countries in June, have become more than 90 in little more than 4 months. The base team that will travel the whole journey is being configured and more than 50 volunteers have come forward from different countries and continents. Rafa de la Rubia pointed out that, *"we have to note the wide participation of young people who are giving another dimension, another dynamic and a great creativity to the WM."*

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For information on the preparations and how to participate see:
www.marchamundial.org

Read the Declaration of World without Wars at:
www.mundosinguerras.es/docus/63

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Who is supporting the World March?
See inside for details of the latest individuals and organisations to endorse the march.



As of December 4, the World March for Peace and Nonviolence has the following personal and organizational endorsements on its website:

Personal Adhesions
3670
from 77 countries

In this month the following countries have joined: Afghanistan, Algeria, Croatia, Egypt, Eritrea, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Macedonia, Nicaragua, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Puerto Rico, Democratic Republic of Congo, Serbia, Somalia, Tunisia, Uzbekistan.

• **TOMAS HIRSCH (CHILE)**



"It is important to engrave in the memory of the new generations that human beings of different cultures and beliefs are crying out for peace, and that the struggle to achieve it is through non-violence."

Chilean-born Humanist. Promoted the nonviolent struggle against the military dictatorship of General Pinochet. One of the founders of the

Alliance of Parties for Democracy in 1988. 2005 presidential candidate for Juntos Podemos Mas, a left-wing alliance in Chile.

Currently Hirsch is the spokesperson for New Humanism in Latin America. Has travelled in this capacity throughout America and Europe meeting with most progressive leaders in the region, including Evo Morales, President of Bolivia. Promotes Latin American integration toward a Universal Human Nation, fostering the values of peace and active nonviolence. Published work: The End of Prehistory: a path to freedom.

www.tomashirsch.org

• **Joan Manuel Serrat (Spain)**



Singer-songwriter. During his recent visit to Buenos Aires, where he gave a series of recitals as part of his world tour, Joan Manuel Serrat gave his endorsement of the World March for Peace and Non-Violence through his assistant Claudio Gelemur. His well-known career and commitment to social causes are expressed once again in this endorsement in favour of Peace and Non-violence.

• **Juanes (Colombia)**



"The World March is an extraordinary initiative and I will talk about it in my next concert."

Singer and composer. Juanes recently received an award for his work on behalf of victims of anti-personnel mines.

• **Víctor Heredia (Argentina)**



Singer-songwriter. One of the most important representatives of popular music in the Americas. His songs have become not only the chronicles of a generation, but also those of a country, as in his classic "Informe de la situación" ("Situation Report").

• **Fernando Martín de Argenta (Spain)**



Promoter of classical music. On National Spanish Radio, he created the program "Popular Classics", which has aired for 32 years straight. Between 1986 and 1989, he was also director of Radio 3 and Radio 1, of National Spanish Radio. The recipient of numerous awards, his latest are the "UNICEF Spanish-Committee 2008" award for his promotion of the defence of the rights of children, and the Media award.

• **Andrés Giménez (Argentina)**



Musician. Member of the A.N.I.M.A.L. trio from 1991 to 2006. His new project, D-Mente, together with Lisardo Alvarez (lead guitar), Gula Cocchiararo (bass), and Marcelo Baraja (drums) has a pure rock sound.

• **Antonio Birabent (Argentina)**



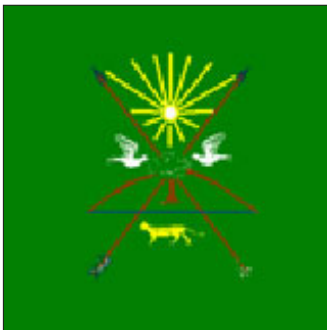
Journalist, musician, composer and actor. He has composed, produced and recorded ten solo albums. His name appears as the composer of two songs, "El rock del colegio"

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Supporting
Organizations
370
from 48 countries

Among them the most recent are the following:

- CIDOB, Confederation of Indigenous Peoples of Bolivia.



"We express our solidarity with this activity and we commit ourselves to the dissemination of the message to diverse social sectors."

- Amnesty International Mexico/ Uruguay



An organization independent of governments, political parties and religious beliefs, it struggles at a local and global level to prevent and put an end to abuses of civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights.

- Aldea Project (Spain)



"A World March for the alliance of civilizations."

- INES Independent



Non-profit organization committed to influencing the role and the impact that science and technology have on society.

- Masataka and Keiko Ota (Brazil)



"We are happy to be able to participate in this World March for Peace in favor of the good of humanity. If every one of us were to make a gesture of love, peace would be unanimous in the world. We believe that Forgiveness is the only path for Peace between people"

In 1998, the couple's son, Ives Ota, 8, was kidnapped and murdered in Sao Paolo. Two years later,

the father, Masataka Ota, met his killer and forgave him. The couple founded the Ives Ota Institute developing a series of campaigns for peace. Currently, they are gathering signatures throughout the country to implement a Day of Forgiveness in Brazil.

- Holy Land Trust NGO (Palestine)



Working since 1998 to develop nonviolent community actions aimed toward bringing an end to the Israeli occupation and building a future based on the principles of nonviolence, equality, justice, and peaceful coexistence.

- Málaga Soccer Team



Spanish Soccer Team of the first league.

- Movement against intolerance. (Spain)



We are an independent and open movement that works against intolerance, racism and violence, that are an attack to solidarity, a living together in democracy, the tolerance and the defense of human rights.

Mayors and City Halls:

- City Hall of Amilcar Rivera de Mixto (Guatemala)
- City Hall of Peñalolén in Santiago (Chile)
- City Hall of Paucarpata in Arequipa (Peru)
- City Hall of the Province of Trujillo (Peru)
- César Acuña Peralta, Mayor of Trujillo, Peru

President of the AMPE, Association for the city halls of Peru. He personally supports the World March for Peace and Non-Violence and offers logistical support to welcome an unlimited number of people on their way through Peru.

- Fanor Nava Santiestevan, Mayor of El Alto, Bolivia

"I support the World March for Peace and Non-Violence because we live in a century that is almost finished and the next one starts with violence, it is more subtle, a violence that discriminates the people, a century in which children die of hunger, a century that destroys the basic unity of the society: the family. A project like this, a project of world increasing awareness must be supported by everyone, if I wouldn't be a mayor

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Objective: "To create a consciousness that the only path is the one of Peace"

He identified the basic objectives: *"to create consciousness that Peace is the only way" and to finally "leave behind human pre-history."*

He underlined the importance that the result depends on what each one of us does in this year that remains, with our individual actions, *"like little drops of water, join together, converging until becoming a huge river which without stopping advances slowly towards its destiny."* (...) *"Perhaps History will remember it as the time in which good people stood up and, as a way of rejecting a violent and inhuman system, travelled all over the world in a peaceful but nonetheless vigorous protest."*

He finished by reading an anonymous text and ending with *"Long Live the Worldwide March for Peace and Non-Violence!"*

See the complete text in Spanish:

<http://www.marchamundialespania.org/noticias/78-presentation>

Video: http://loshumanistas.tv/mm/Lanzamiento_MM_PDV_V3.mp4

NEWS: 28 OCT > 30 NOV 2008

26th to 29th November 2008

Nairobi, Kenya



II African Humanist Forum

In Nairobi, Kenya, the 2nd African Humanist Forum took place between the 26th and 29th November the conclusions of which will appear in the next bulletin. In the forum, Giorgio Schultze, the European Spokesperson for New Humanism spoke (via a 'virtual' link), and there was a launch of the World March for Peace and Nonviolence in Africa, in a festive and colourful environment.

<http://www.african-humanist-forum.org>

28th November 2008

Las Palmas, Gran Canaria - Spain



World without Wars in "FeriaNova 2008"

World without Wars – Canary Islands – was presented in the exhibition, "FeriaNova 2008", promoted by Las Palmas council, with an information stand about the World March. A presentation was also made to secondary students. It was a friendly day for all the participating organisations.

27th November 2008

Salamanca, Spain



The Athenaeum of Salamanca presents the World March

On the 27th November the Athenaeum of Salamanca made a presentation of the World March to the city. Videos about the March led to speeches by the President of the Athenaeum, by the Humanist Association "Canal Humano", and the Atril Collective of poets, in an act in which 30 people participated. Six Salamanca associations have given their support to the World March and will meet monthly to feed the organising committee with initiatives for the city. The presentation was preceded by a press conference the day before that was covered by two newspapers and the national radio broadcaster "Intereconomía".

25th November 2008
Bolivia

Chat to form the Promotion Team of the WM

Representatives of seven organisations, including World without Wars, took part in a chat to form the organising committee of the WM in Bolivia. Diverse questions were discussed, such as; the sections of the map and the initiatives; dissemination through printed media, electronic bulletins and TV spots; the importance of the endorsements of personalities and organisations, who will be invited to not only give their endorsements, but also to participate in the team itself and generate new initiatives, Public Relations, Press, Materials, Legal, Resources, Logistics, Dissemination, March and website functions were formed, seeing the importance that the March function has a coordinator by section to be able to coordinate in detail. Coinciding on the 10th of December with the day of Human Rights, there will be the official launch of the March in Bolivia in Cochabamba. Following this event will be another in Oruro and other places of the country to be determined, then on the following dates: the 17th March (anniversary of the Iraq invasion), the 1st of May (Labour Day) and the 8th of March (International day of the female worker). The organising committee will continue to meet on Thursdays in Cochabamba, on the 29th of November in Sucre, the first week of December in La Paz and on the 15th of December in El Alto.

23rd November 2008
Manantiales Park, Chile


DIA DE REFLEXIÓN
Marcha Mundial por la Paz y la No-violencia

Invitamos a todos los Mensajeros y Comunidades del Mensaje de Silo **este domingo 23 de noviembre de 2008 al Parque Manantiales, desde las 16:00 hasta las 20:00 horas, a una jornada de reflexión e intercambio respecto a la Marcha Mundial por la Paz y la No-violencia.**

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<http://www.porgacomanantiales.org/>

22nd & 23rd November 2008
Marseille, France

Third Forum-Festival "A Nuclear free Mediterranean"

A hundred people came from Spain, Italy and Belgium and from many cities of France and interchanged information and experiences about the theme of nuclear disarmament in a festive atmosphere of solidarity. During the weekend the third Forum-Festival "The Mediterranean without nuclear weapons" and towards the convergence of cultures for non-violence was carried out at the CRDP in Marseilles. Like the forums before in March in Athens and September in Malaga, they were organized by "World Without Wars" in collaboration with local, national and international associations. The originality of this encounter was the switching between conferences and the artistic presentations: music, songs, tales and videos.

Emphasis was given to the presentations of Rafael de la Rubia, International Coordinator of World Without Wars; Pol D'Hubeytter, Director of the General Secretariat of Mayors for Peace that gathers 2500 cities in the World presided by the Mayor of Hiroshima; Jean-Marie Matagne, president of Action of Citizens for Nuclear Disarmament (ACDN); Marc Mercier, artistic director of the Festival Instant Video and Esther Fourchier director of the Forum of Mediterranean Women.

Three workshops studied the possibility of a treaty for nuclear disarmament for the mediterranean zone, the convergence of cultures in this region and the artist contributions for the developement for a culture of non-violence. The next forums for the nuclear disarmament on this region will be at Palermo and Barcelona on 2009.

Nuclear Disarmament Forum for the Mediterranean:
<http://fordesarmed.online.fr>Action of Citizens for Nuclear Disarmament: <http://acdn.free.fr>

22nd November 2008
Montreal Canada

Anne Farell YMCA medal for Peace at Montreal Canada invited for the World March

Anne Farell tireless activist for Non-violence in Haiti and Africa was decorated with the medal for Peace from the YMCA Youth Christian Association in Montreal. The surprised Anne

in her thank you speech to more than 200 people including reporters, presidents of different associations for peace, invited all participants to support the World March in order to achieve Peace in the World.

Mar del Plata, Argentina



Diffusion of the World March

17th November 2008

CHILE

University Radio informs about the World March

With recordings of Tomas Hirsch and Rafael de la Rubia "Radio Universidad de Chile", gave ample diffusion of the World March and explained the motives, goals and itinerary.

<http://groups.google.com/group-msg-org-paises/attach/ae347ad81c196118/INFO+PAZ.mp3?es&part=4>

15th November 2008

Athens Grece



Zeitgeist, The Movie.

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

Fundraising Party for costs of publicity.

On November 15th, a benefit party to raise funds for publicizing the World March was held in a local in the centre of the city, the local owner gave the room without charge for this noble cause. The party was animated by a musical group who performed in the same altruistic way. More than a 100 people attended and with the money raised they printed the first batch of flyers for the campaign.

Punta de Vacas, Argentina



A meeting of representatives of World without Wars International

Before the International Launching of the WM was a meeting of several representatives of I WWW from many different countries.

11th November to 15th November 2008

Punta de Vacas, Argentina



First International Symposium: Ethics in Knowledge.

The 1st International Symposium of the World Center of Humanist Studies took place on 10th November at the Victor Jara Hall at the University of Santiago de Chile, and on December 12th at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at the National University of Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina. There they saw the necessity to give an ethical frame for all the activities for the human being in the present moment.

At the inauguration the World Federation of Humanist Centres of Study was formed, with the first 17 centres from three continents. The Symposium continued for a further three days from the 13th to 15th at Punta de Vacas Park (www.parquepuntadevacas.org) with the participation of more than 500 participants from all over the world: academics, politicians, scientists, teachers, researchers, students and specialists from many different disciplines.

During this time they held 6 round tables and 14 tables of interchange with the participation of 62 panellists from 21 countries from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. The themes discussed included: The Vision of Universal Humanism, Ethics in Political Action, Ethics in the Exact and Natural Sciences, Ethics in the Social Sciences, Ethics in Education and Health and Ethics, Culture and Spirituality.

They were three book presentations, three video documentaries, and four lectures and an introduction to the "Structural Dynamic Method" as used by all Centers in the world to carry out their studies. The days were framed by art exhibitions, live music performances, Ceremonies of Well-Being, open air activities, shared meals, astronomical observations, in an multicultural ambit of content, form and theme.

The participants agreed to make and to disseminate an "Ethical Commitment".

The Symposium was closed with this Ethical Commitment and the Launching of the World March for Peace and Non-Violence. The next Symposium of the World Center of Humanist Studies was fixed for Attigliano Park in the second semester of 2010 (www.parcoattigliano.eu)

Ethical Commitment: <http://simposio.cmehumanistas.org/q=es/desarrollo-simposio>

Symposium: <http://simposio.cmehumanistas.org>

12th November 2008

Barcelona, Spain



Press Conference about the World March

With one year before the World March arrives in Barcelona, WWW Catalunya celebrated a dinner with the Media to communicate this international project. The news appeared 20 minutes later in the newspapers of Aragon and Latino. They were published in the websites of Europa Press, Eco Newspaper, Yahoo News and diverse electronic bulletins. They had also radio interviews at the Radio Wave Zero, Catalunya, (5 minutes) and a long interview at AVM Radio. See report at: <http://marxamundial.info>

Malaga, Spain

800 educational centres will celebrate "Peace Day" by giving publicity to the World March.

On 30th January, the day of Peace and Non-Violence within the educational environment, 800 educational centres from the city and province of Malaga will celebrate the event by jointly giving publicity to the World March. They will show a video about the WM and they will request the support of students and teachers. On that day, the website of the March will be on the screens of all computers. Every educational center will be enabled to download all materials: leaflets, support forms, the banner of the website <www.marchamundial.org> where they will put all visible places, so that all the educational community can adhere. For that, a kit of basic dissemination materials is being prepared. This, apart from the video of the march, will have other productions on Non-violence and world nuclear disarmament. CEP (Province's teachers training center) has linked their page and is in the process of expressing their support for the March. They will make copies of the kit. Their backing both guarantees and gives a greater depth to the project. Furthermore we hope that these proposals will spur others who become inspired by these centers that are being proposed for the time when the March will be passing through Malaga on November 15. The countries where the March will pass through will be studied at Marbella's educational centres and a mini-march will take place in Antequera, from different schools to the centre of the city.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7qPltwFedo&feature=related> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UABFiZ80Kj8&feature=related> <http://www.cepmalaga.es/moodle/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=306>

11th November 2008

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Spain

WOMAD Festival

In this current WOMAD Festival, in Las Palmas, Canary Islands, there was an area for NGO's where World Without Wars had a stand. During the four-day event hundreds of people got information and expressed their support to the World March and registered as volunteers offering their help (over 120 people). Among them were active members of various

associations like Anmesty International, Survival, Platform Poverty 0, Coordinator of NGO's of Canary Islands, route 99 and LanzaroteHelp. We also had a radio interview announcing the March on Radio 3 (RNE) and contacts were made with City Hall representatives and with Dania Debora, national coordinator of WOMAD (Spain)

11th November 2008

Czech Republic

Conference questions US missile defence system in Europe

On November 11, 2008, at 5 pm and close to room 205 of the Czech Parliament, was held the conference "US National Defence System (NMD): an instrument of attack or defence? Europe's role to promote peace and security in the world", organized by Europe for Peace, a non-violent movement against the bases, sponsored by M.P. Anna Curdova. The speakers included: Giulietto Chiesa, M.P. European Parliament, writer, journalist and expert on international politics; and Jan Tamas, spokesperson of the non-violent movement against bases in the Czech Republic. A video-message from Noam Chomsky was also shown.

9th November 2008

Plottier, Argentina

Presentation in Neuquen Book Fair

The first Book Fair of Neuquen, Argentina, was held on 7 November in the city of Plottier. World without Wars was invited to present the WM. In the WWW stand information was given out and the March promotional video was shown. This small fair had a great number of visitors and, thanks to that, contacts were made with politicians, teachers, writers, artists and radio commentators, etc. Something of note is that Departments of Government and Culture from the City of Plottier were interested in studying initiatives to develop in the city, and many people were interested in generating new initiatives to create awareness of Peace in primary schools through radio, artistic representations, etc., in different places.

<http://www.chelocandia.blogspot.com>

8th November 2008

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Meeting of WM promotion teams from different countries

In the same way that meetings were held by promotion teams in Europe, Africa and Asia, and taking advantage of the presence of representatives at the III Latinamerican Humanist Forum, which was held in Buenos Aires from 6th to 8th November,

the fourth meeting of WM Promotion Teams from different countries took place. Present were representatives from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Spain, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. One point mentioned was that promotion teams, whether regional, national or international, are composed by very diverse people, organizations, action fronts, federations, institutions and movements which, overcoming the obstacles of their own ideologies or beliefs, get into this common project in a public and open way. The central point of the promotion teams are the initiatives: the coordination and planning of actions. Each team defines its organization, and the roles necessary to carry these initiatives forward (precise objectives, space and time and a responsible person) and the presentation of the World March in their country.

Regarding this last point, we saw the convenience of agreeing on specific dates such as: 10th December (Human Rights day), 8th March (Working Women Day), 17th March (Anniversary of Iraq invasion), 25th April, 2009 (40-year anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco), 1st May (Workers day) and 21st September (UN International day of Peace). We consider it of importance that each converging route will be in the charge of a route coordinator, so that when the route passes through several adjacent countries, this person will organize with the people responsible in each country (through the promotion teams) the proper coordination of the route. The promotion team will take care of contacts with famous people and the institutional relations at a country level. However, when these relations are of an international level, the International Institutional Relations team of the WM will take care of them, so that actions can be better coordinated.

6th, 7th and 8th November 2008

Buenos Aires, Argentina



Conclusion of the 3rd Latin- American Humanist Forum

The Third Latin-American Humanist Forum closed with an address by Thomas Hirsch, who stated that the Forum had its start in a new regional environment, one which affirms Latin America's direction towards integration in the midst of diversity, equality and equity in a transformed world context. Work was done in committees devoted to specific themes over two days, yielding resolutions that expressed proposals for concrete actions within the different themes, along with many different reflections and interventions from various

academics, politicians, journalists and artists from different countries. Also, the presence and the efforts of young people, like a breath of fresh air pushing towards the future, was extolled. Some of the notable conclusions arrived at include: the urgency of global nuclear disarmament; progressive and proportional disarmament in the region; the peaceful resolution of all the historic conflicts between Latin American countries; free transit of people between countries in the region; fair land distribution; the real, not just formal, integration of indigenous peoples and the recovery of their lands; promoting changes to the educational systems, by placing diversity and non-violence as core issues; support to the creation of the Bank of the South to foster production, industry and trade, by means of interest-free credit; and a new economic framework that would give priority to human labour, support productive capital, and restrict speculative capital. It ended with an invitation to celebrate on 25th April, 2009 the 40th anniversary of the Treaty of Tlatelolco for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, which will push for the ratification of similar treaties and participation in the World March in all the continents of the world. Finally the official announcement for the next regional forum, which will take place in Colombia at the end of 2010, was announced.

<http://www.forohumanistalatinamericano.org/resoluciones-del-3er-foro-humanista-latinoamericano>

6th November to 11th December 2008

Oporto, Portugal

CICLO DE CINEMA DE DISCRIMINAÇÃO E NÃO-VIOLÊNCIA
Iniciativa organizada por Amnesty Mundial and Paz e Não-Violência

- * 6 / Nov / 21h 30m / "Persepolis"
- * 13 / Nov / 22h 00m / "Please Vote For Me"
- * 20 / Nov / 21h 30m / "Agostinho da Silva - Um Pensamento Vivo"
- * 27 / Nov / 22h 00m / "Os Respingadores e a Respingadora"
- * 04 / Dez / 22h 00m / "Akha: at a Crossroads" + "Telling You The Facts"
- * 11 / Dez / 22h 00m / "Suddenly Last Winter"

www.marchamundialpelapaz.blogspot.com

Film series about discrimination and non-violence.

Amnesty International and the Humanist Movement co-organized a film series about discrimination and non-violence. Six films will be screened from 6th November to 11th December.

5th November 2008

Algeria

TV appearance promoting peace and inviting people to join the World March

After meeting with the president of an Algerian association about Arab civil society and its role in the development of society, Kebir Alharrak, a member of the international World March promotion team, had the opportunity to appear live in a 45 second segment on the Mubasher Aljazeera TV channel, in which he invited people to condemn violence and wars, to join the World March, and calling for solidarity across the Maghreb.

2nd November 2008

Berlin, Germany



Countdown from Germany

A small march took place through the streets of Berlin to mark the World March that will pass through Germany in one years time. Video available at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWldpYjPkeY&url=http://weltweitermarsch.twoday.net/&feature=player_embedded

2nd November 2008

3rd virtual meeting of the International Promotion Team of the World March.

The third virtual meeting of the International Promotion Team of the WM took place, with participants from 37 countries: Russia, Finland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, England, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, Poland, Hungary, Turkey, Morocco, Mauritania, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mozambique, Palestine, Israel, Kenya, the United States, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Brazil, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Peru, Colombia, Bolivia, the Philippines and New Zealand (connections were also attempted, without success, with India, Guinea Bissau and Australia), and with four functions (web coordination, institutional relations, newsletter and translations).

The date of the official launch of the WM was confirmed as 15th November, in Punta de Vacas Park, in order to continue from that date onwards with the presentations in various locations. It was suggested to consider making simultaneous events on pre-determined dates, such as 10th December (the 60th Anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights).

Guidelines for the promotion teams were established, namely that they should be assembled in an open and inclusive manner, that they will be oriented according to specific initiatives (if there are no initiatives, there is nothing to coordinate), while establishing the necessary functions (institutional relations, media, web, translations, etc.), and that the list of people in charge of each team will be announced/updated on-line.

In terms of the routes of the World March, converging routes were proposed, such as North Africa to the Middle East, East and Southern Africa and Israel-Palestine.

In South America, given that a large number of people in northern Brazil have already mobilized (about 2000 one year before the March), a group from the core marching team will move there for the start of that route along the Atlantic coast.

It was noted that it is imperative to have good coordination in Europe due to the large number of events already scheduled there.

In Asia, the March will go through New Delhi.

The following items were examined and discussed: the numbers joining the march and the information "circuit" (translations, proof-reading and websites); the official materials, noting the need to update the set of basic materials on-line and that the costs of printed materials be minimized or nil; the translation teams (currently 13 languages, but could reach up to 50 or more with a need to reinforce the international teams of translators); improvements to the main page of the website, noting the need for more technical people to carry out all the required updates, including developing the maximum security; the international newsletter of the WM, aimed at adherents of the March and at all who support the WM, noting the possibility of a video-based newsletter.

Participants were reminded that applications to become part of the core team of marchers will be accepted until December 1st. The general calendar, with the next few events and the next virtual meeting (December 7th) was agreed.

1st November 2008

Colombia

Support for the proposed law on Education for Non-Violence and presentation of the World March to the Senate

Mireya Martínez Chemby presented the World March to the Senate of the Republic of Colombia and expressed her support for the Liberal senator Dr. Yolanda Pinto de Gaviria and her law proposal 92/2008 that would institutionalize education for non-violence. See the video at <http://mundosinguerrascolombia.blogspot.com/2008/11/video-apoyo-ley-922008-senado-y.html>.

29 October 2008

Chile

Meeting of the Promotion team

Approximately 60 persons participated, they represented different organizations like Canal 81 (Internet), The Sons of Mafalda, Citizen Consultation, Bolivian Doctors in Santiago, Planetary Network of Art, Active Art, HP, WWW, A Thousand Poems for Peace, Red Cross Chile, Foundation Laura Rodríguez, and Green Generation. The objective of the meeting was to level the information about the WM in the world and its steps for Chile, for that a Power Point presentation was shown (available at the page www.marchamundial.cl) Two important dates were emphasized: the official launching of the march on 15th November and the launching of the march in Santiago and the regions, published in several communication medias with the participation of several celebrities, who support the march. The march will come to Chile on 27th December 2010, it will enter from the North and from there it will proceed to the south, arriving to Santiago on 29th December. The different parts of the route can be seen on the map on the web page, there one can also find information from the coordination team. Different initiatives were discussed (Workshops of Non-Violence in the UC, audiovisual support from Canal81.com in the Internet, March in Peñaololen on 13th December, support of Marlen Matte of Planetary Art from Los Angeles, street activities "Children painting for Peace" in Cerro Navia, etc.)

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18th, 19th y 20th October 2008

Milan, Italy



Conclusions of the European Humanist Forum in Milan

The European Humanist Forum in Milan was held on the 18th, 19th and 20th October with the participation of 2.072 people (1.390 from Italy and 682 from other countries). They were working on 16 tables with different topics from 15 ambits: Peace and Disarmament, Ecology and Environment, Antidiscrimination, Spirituality and Religiosity, Cultures, Migration and International Cooperation, Human Rights, Education, Health, Student Movements, Art and Popular Expressions, Political Parties, Digital Technology, New Generations, Communication Media, Information: The lies of the Communication Media and Alternative Economics. Each of the areas was coordinated by a responsible person. These areas have been active almost without any interruption since the Forum in Lisbon in 2006. In total 18 talks were given. The thematic areas realized more than 25 different activities in the forum: Conferences, panel discussions, video projections, etc. 77

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- Mandiaye Pety from Dakar (Senegal)
- Yebrail Haddad Linero from Ocaña (Colombia)
- Ilustre Community from Yumbel (Chile)

organizations participated and more than 30 Celebrities. Almost 1,500 people participated in the "tables", even if it is very difficult to calculate that well, because of so many simultaneous activities, but as an example only in the activities of the area of spirituality 400 people participated. There were advances in the topics concerning Europe and our positions and our proposals.

The humanist influence is notable in the environment. On the website one can find a powerpoint presentation as a synthesis and a proposal for the future for each table.

<http://www.humanistforum.eu/es/info/home>

21st November 2008

Santiago, Chile



Marching for Peace from Plaza Egaña to Plaza Ñuñoa to promote the World March.

28th October 2008

Video-Bulletin of the WM

There is a work going on to produce a video-bulletin which will be produced monthly or every second month; it will be shown in a special channel of You Tube. This material will collect videos of all events, forums, congresses, associations, meetings, etc. and also photos of good quality taken all over the world regarding the March. Productions should be sent (better by ftp or similar) to: video@theworldmarch.org

MARCHA MUNDIAL POR LA PAZ Y LA NO-VIOLENCIA

2 Octubre, 2009
Wellington, Nueva Zelanda

2 Enero, 2010
Punta de Vacas, Argentina

2 October, 2009
Wellington, New Zeland

2 January, 2010
Punta de Vacas, Argentina

WORLD MARCH FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE

Universities:



- University of Mariano Gálvez. Quetzaltenango, Guatemala.
- University Friday D'izidro Bedito. Maputo, Mozambique.
- Corporation University Minuto de Dios. Bogotá, Colombia.
- University Pedro De Valdivia. Santiago, Chile.
- University Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. Lima, Peru.
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October 2, 2009 Wellington, New Zeland
6 CONTINENTS 90 COUNTRIES
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World March/ Creative

Ideas, contributions and offers of creativity and communication for the World March

Idea for a World March Video: "Day and Night"

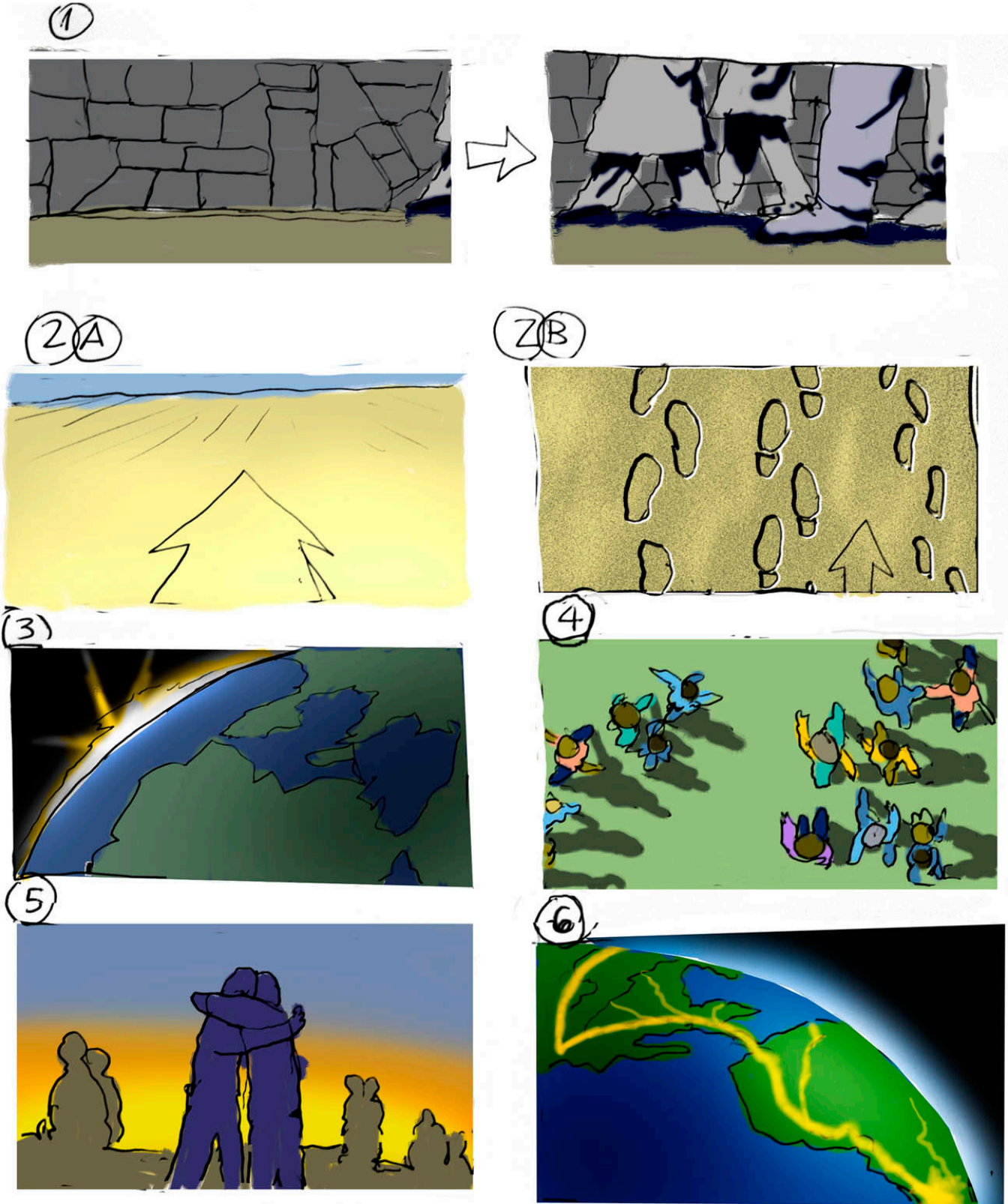
by Rafa Edwards

Duration: 1 minute.

Text: "If day and night, summer and winter are well with you, you have surpassed the contradictions".

This is an idea that searches to represent Peace, not as the absence of violence but as something in itself, a TANGIBLE image of peace. It would have to include a call at the end, a convocation.

<http://marchamundialcreative.blogspot.com/search/label/storyboard>



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and "El show se termino", on two separate records by his father Moris, in 1980 and 1986.

• **Deborah Dixon (Argentina)**



Singer. Since her start with Las Blacanblus, she has displayed a great musical diversity, which has led her to put the unmistakable stamp of her voice on recordings and shows of the most renowned and diverse artists. Currently, her musical program covers a vast repertoire in the power and diversity of black music.

• **Baltasar Comotto (Argentina)**



Singer-songwriter. Recently released a new solo album, "Rojo". Also appeared as guitarist alongside Luis Alberto Spinetta and Indio Solari.

• **Fabiana Cantilo (Argentina)**



Singer. In 2005, he recorded "Inconsciente colectivo" – a tribute to Argentine rock with new versions of classic songs. His latest work, "Hija del rigor" includes 14 new songs.

• **Carlos Taibo Arias (Spain)**



Professor of Political Science and Administration at the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. Author of some twenty books on changes in Central and Eastern Europe, and geopolitical issues of general interest. A strong supporter of the anti-globalization movement, he has stated: "Globalization is moving towards a chaos that escapes all control."

• **Rodolfo Valss (Argentina)**



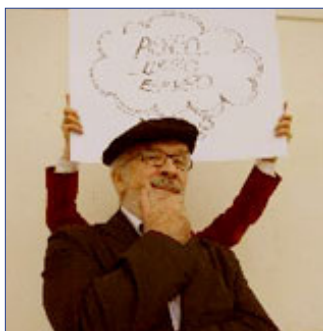
Actor. Among other productions, he has performed in: Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables, Chicago. Currently, he is performing in the play "Eva".

• **Greta - Beatriz González (Spain)**



Singer with the group Greta and the Garbos, formed in Valladolid in 1989. Since 2002, she has continued with a solo career. She is also a music critic, composer and fashion designer.

• **Forges (Spain)**



Cartoonist. The social critique of everyday life figures prominently in his work. Creator of an extensive iconography of comic characters and situations that reflect the idiosyncrasies and sociology of contemporary Spain.

• **Patricia Sosa (Argentina)**



Singer-songwriter. In her early days together with Oscar Mediavilla, she formed the group "La

Torre." The success of the band was immediate, receiving the "best new artist of the year" award, and then conducting an unprecedented tour for a group from Argentina that included countries like the former Soviet Union. Patricia later began working as a soloist, also receiving wide recognition from critics and the public. In October 2007, she released the album "Lija y Terciopelo."

• **Eduardo Jorge (Brazil)**



"Overcoming extreme wealth and extreme poverty, moving from the culture of violence to the culture of peace, achieving harmony with the environment, this is the agenda for the twenty-first century."

Municipal Secretary of the Environment for Sao Paulo. Founder of the Free Peace University - UMAPAZ and Gandhi Net.

• **Los Gardelitos (Argentina)**



Rock band. From Bajo Flores. Formed in 1996, they are currently one of the most popular Argentine rock bands.

They are now launching their new album "Oxygen".

• **Gastón Pauls (Argentina)**



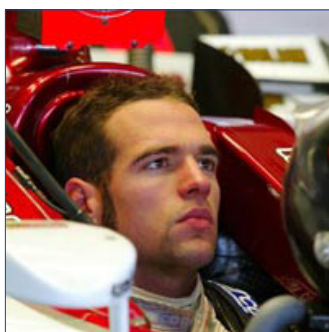
Actor and conductor. He has participated in numerous famous national films. A man of great sensitivity, he has always been connected with the defense of social causes.

• **Juana Molina (Argentina)**



Actor, composer, singer. An artist of this era that stands out largely for her genius and creativity. She has received numerous awards, including recognition by the New York Times for her album "Three Things" as one of the ten best pop albums of the year.

• **Roldán Rodríguez Iglesias (Spain)**



Driver. Currently, competes in the FMS International GP2 team.

• **Carlos Sastre Candil (Spain)**



Professional cyclist. In 2008, he won the Tour de France, the seventh Spanish cyclist to have done so. A good climber with high performance in time trials, he is a candidate for victory in any of the big tours.

• **Samuel Sánchez (Spain)**



Cyclist. At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, he won the gold medal in Road Cycling (the first medal in Spain's history in that category). It was Spain's 99th Olympic medal.

• **Abraham Olano Manzano (Spain)**



World Cycling Champion

(1995), Olympic silver medallist in Atlanta (1996) and winner of the Vuelta a España (1996)

• **Adam Hochschild (USA)**



Writer/Reporter. Participated in the Anti Vietnam war movement. Acted as a writer/editor for the leftist magazine Ramparts. Co-founder of Mother Jones magazine (New York, 1942). His works include The Half Way Home: a memoir of father and son, The Mirror at Midnight: a South African journey, The Unquiet Ghost: Russians remember Stalin, Finding the Trapdoor: essays, portraits, travels, and Bury the Chains. Writing Professor at the Graduate School of Journalism - University of California, Berkeley. Contributor to various US magazines, particularly The New Yorker, The New York Review of Books, The New York Times Magazine, and The Nation.

• **Arun Gandhi (South Africa)**



President, Gandhi Worldwide Education

Institute, USA, and grandson of Mohandas Gandhi.

"It is with pleasure that I endorse the Great March for Peace. It is a first step but it must be acknowledged that Peace is not the absence of war or violence. It is as much or more about the absence of exploitation and oppression of all kinds that take place in any society. Peace will be attained only when there is harmony in the Self and in Society."

• **Begoña Lasagabaster (Spain)**



Delegate for the World Directorate of UNIFEM (UN Development fund for women) where, among other activities, she works on campaigns against gender violence. Has been a Spanish member of parliament for the party Eusko Alkartasuna since 1996.

"I think this is a great initiative. We all can and must fight against the many kinds of violence that surround us today. If only we could put ourselves in the shoes of the other person, we would advance a lot. It's a daily challenge for our whole lifetime. Courage!"

• **Edith Salazar (Venezuela)**



"I am totally in agreement with what is being defended in this cause."
Eduardo Jorge

Venezuelan, music teacher, composer, director, pianist, actress and singer. She jumped to fame after a collaboration in "Operation Triumph" as a singing teacher and director she joined the academy in the 2005 and 2006 series.

Has worked with the majority of the best artists in the Spanish-speaking world: Miguel Bosé, Alaska, Alejandro Guzmán, Javier Corcovado, Alejandro Sanz, Ella baila sola, Amaya Montero (Van Gogh's ear).

As an orchestra director she has directed the "Amadeo Vives" orchestra of Madrid and the Barcelona Philharmonic.

• **Hamilton Faria (Brazil)**



"The culture of peace is the soul of the re-enchantment of the world."

University Professor and agent of the Polis Institute's culture of peace.

Poet who has published five books, the last being Haiquases, published by Escrituras.

• **Helmut Frenz (Chile)**



Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile.

"I am for the oppressed and the tortured."

Served his ministry in Chile from 1965 to 1975, then was exiled from the country. Returned after the fall of the dictatorship to join numerous causes in defense of Human Rights.

Key figure in the creation of CONNAR (National Refugee Committee), the Cooperation Committee for Peace, Pro-Peace Committee, and later FASIC (Christian Churches Social Assistance Foundation).

Professor emeritus of Human Rights at two universities and awarded an Honoris Causa degree in Human Rights.

• **Janet Hernandez Sotelo (Mexico)**



Secretary of Equality, Gender and Human Rights for Mexico City's Democratic Revolution Party

"We are joining the World March because we are a left-wing party very linked

to the citizens. Among our principles, we believe in social change, we see violence in the world as an urgent problem spanning different issues, and we believe in unity. We are interested in being able to work with different organizations around the world who are fighting for a transformation in social life centering on this great issue: violence and all its forms. We are convinced that this March that crosses the whole world will raise awareness in the men, women and families of our country and of the world. We are committed to society and because of this we endorse and back this great World March. Our commitment is to disseminate among the different sectors of the 16 Mexico City delegations awareness of the issue of violence, and finally to have a great majority of our people join this World March that will of course pass through our country and through Mexico City. I identify with this movement which seems to me to be playing an important role and going hand in hand with the principles of our left-wing social party."

• **John Avery (Denmark)**



"I'm really impressed that some people will go all the way! Good luck with the march for peace."

Associate Emeritus Professor on Quantum Chemistry, University of

Copenhagen, Denmark
Head of the Danish National Group of Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs.

• **Luis Pastor (Spain)**



"Ploughs of pain furrow the Earth. Seeds of hate watered with the blood of the innocent. Nothing new in this hypocritical world that allows a child to die of hunger every 7 seconds on the planet. The industries of war and information, share a strategy."

Spanish singer whose songs were part of the collective protest in Spain under Franco. Has a wide discography, among which can be highlighted a compilation of "Duos" together with friends like Pedro Guerra, Javier Alvarez, Miguel Rios, Leo Minas, Joao Afonso, Luis Barberia, Lourdes Guerra, Dulce Pontes, Bidinte, Martirio, Leo Minax and Chico César. In 2006 the disco-book "In this corner of time" was published where he sang with Jose Saramago, in Spanish and Portuguese.

• **Maher al Sabbah (Netherlands)**



Independent Film Producer and Director of Syrian origins. Documents political and social subjects with the intention of building bridges between different cultures.

"This march is a highly civilized action by people seeking happiness and trying to convert dreams of peace into reality."

• **Meir Margalit (Israel)**



"There's an old Hebrew proverb that says: Maybe you won't see the materialization of your ideals, but I can't stop working for mine. This World March fits that wisdom. We don't know when peace will come, but none of us has the right to stop fighting for it. Therefore, I give my endorsement as an Israeli fighting for peace to this important event."

Member of the Municipal Council of the City of Jerusalem, representing the left-wing Meretz party and coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHN)

• **Mirna Antonieta Perla Jiménez (El Salvador)**



El Salvador Supreme Court Magistrate.

National and international presenter on such issues as children's rights, legal independence, prevention of child abuse and violence against youth, legal equality, human rights.

Speaker at the United Nations in 1988, 1989, 1990

and 1992 and at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1988 and 1992. Has been a Peace Judge, a First Instance Judge and is currently a Juvenile Judge. University Professor at the University of El Salvador. **Noa (Israel)**



Winner of the "Crystal Award" in 1999 from the "World Economic Forum" in Davos, Switzerland. Noa has performed with Palestinian artists and participated in numerous debates related to peace in the Middle East and the role of art and artists in the possible resolution of conflict.

Good will ambassador for the UN World Food Organization.

First woman to receive the gold medal of the order of "Galileo Galilei" in 2005.

"We are the Future": 2005 singing marathon to collect funds for child support projects in conflict areas. The concert, produced by Quincy Jones, brought together Oprah Winfrey, Angelina Jolie, Chris Tucker, Naomi Campbell and Serena Williams, Patti Austin, Carlos Santana, Alicia Keys, Andrea Bocelli, Carmen Consoli, Josh Groban, Herbie Hancock, Stomp, Take 6 and Angelique Kidjo among others.

• **PASTORA SOLER (Spain)**



Pastora Soler has created versions of classical songs by León and Quiroga and worked with musicians like Carlos Jean. She is also a songwriter and her compositions usually mix copla and flamenco with electronic music or pop. She has several platinum discs to her name and despite her youth has recorded seven albums. Her last hit "Pastora Soler" won her a gold disc. Current holder of a "Golden Microphone" prize.

• **PEDRO DELGADO (Spain)**



"We cannot stay passive forever because we think this is a utopia, we must all come together to support this kind of movement if we want a more human world, we must fight for it right now."

Also known as Perico Delgado. Professional Spanish cyclist from 1982 to 1994. Has 49 victories to his name, among them a win in the Tour de France and two in Vuelta Ciclista a España. Currently working as a commentator for Spanish Television.

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