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5-Borough March for Peace and Non-Violence & Press Conference at City Hall

Marking the beginning of a year of activities in New York City in preparation for the World March for Peace and Non-Violence

What: Press Conference, following a citywide march starting in each borough and converging at City Hall.

Where: City Hall Steps, New York City

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2008, 3:00 PM

Why: In December 2009, the first-ever World March for Peace & Non-Violence will pass through NYC along a 3-month journey over 6 continents and through 90 countries. The march will unite millions of people worldwide in a call for the dismantling of nuclear arms, an end to war and military aggression, and the rejection of all forms of violence.

Speakers:

Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito
Daniel Berrigan (invited)
Dr. Rikki Asher, Queens College
Peter Geffen, Founder, Abraham Joshua Heschel School
Chris Wells, Spokesperson for New Humanism in North America
Cheryl Wertz, Peace Action
Irma Rodriguez, Executive Director, Queens Community House
Yash Paul Soi, President, Federation of Indian Associations
Nicole Myers, Director, Center of Cultures
Dennis Redmond, US Coordinator, World March for Peace & Nonviolence

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Some Visual Highlights

There will be 6 separate march routes, one from each borough and a children's march, traveling by foot, subway, tram, bus, and ferry, all converging at City Hall:

Queens: The march will begin in the shadow of the Unisphere at Flushing Meadows Park, travel to Manhattan via the Roosevelt Island tram; large peace puppets created by Queens College art students.

Brooklyn: Marchers will gather under the arch at Grand Army Plaza, travel to Borough Hall and walk to Manhattan over Brooklyn Bridge.

Manhattan: Starting from the *Imagine* mosaic in Central Park, passing through Times Square and the Gandhi statue at Union Square.

A separate children's march will leave from Tompkins Square Park.

Staten Island: Marchers will take the Staten Island Ferry, passing by Lady Liberty, and stopping at Wall Street, to denounce the economic violence perpetrated upon average Americans.

Bronx: An environmental tour of the south Bronx will highlight situations of ecological violence.

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Participating Organizations (list in formation):

World Without Wars and Violence/USA
Center of Cultures
Queens Community House
Peace Action/New York State
Queens College
The Community for Human Development
Astorians for Peace & Justice
Juventud Ecuatoriana
The Community of Silo's Message
Federation of Indian Associations of NY/NJ/CT
Mahatma Gandhi Peace and Nonviolence Foundation
Green workers Coop
ISO (International Socialist Organization)
Iraq Veterans Against the War
Arte Kolectivo
Veterans for Peace
Andolan: Organizing South Asian Women
Movement for Peace in Colombia

If you'd like more information about this topic, or to schedule an interview with Dennis Redmond or Chris Wells, please call Nicole Myers at 212-580-8029 or e-mail Nicole at nicole@newhumanist.net

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