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February 19, 2010 Concert and Exclusive Reception with Judy Collins at McCarter Theatre



The Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA) is offering an exclusive post-concert reception with the incomparable **Judy Collins** after her Concert at **McCarter Theatre**, located at 91 University Place in **Princeton**, at 8:00 PM on **Friday, February 19, 2010**.

CFPA has a block of seats reserved for the concert, which are the only ones remaining for the otherwise sold out Concert.

The cost for concert seats combined with admission to the exclusive CFPA post-concert reception with Ms. Collins, also at McCarter, is \$100 (\$50 tax deductible) per person, or \$125 (\$65 tax deductible) per person with autographed CD.

Tickets can be purchased using Visa, MasterCard, or American Express through a secure link on CFPA's web site, www.peacecoalition.org, by calling the office at (609) 924-5022 weekdays, or by filling out the information requested at the bottom of this page and mailing it in with an enclosed check. There are a limited number of reservations remaining, so people wanting them are urged to act quickly.

Tickets and a confirmation for the post-concert reception with Ms. Collins will be mailed to those with reservations several weeks before the Concert.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the legendary Judy Collins, one of the quintessential singer/song writers of our time.

Judy Collins won a Grammy Award in 1968 for Best Folk Performance or Folk Recording, "Both Sides Now." Stephen Sondheim won a Grammy Award for Song of the Year, "Send in the Clowns", in 1975, it was believed, largely on the strength of Collins' performance of the song on her album *Judith*. She was nominated with Jill Godmillow for an Academy Award for the documentary *Antonia: A Portrait of the Woman* (1975), about her classical piano instructor, conductor Antonia Brico.

Like many other folk singers of her generation, Collins has been drawn to social activism. She is a representative for UNICEF and campaigns for the abolition of landmines. Following the 1992 death of her son, Clark Taylor, at age 33, after a long bout with depression and substance abuse, she has also become a strong advocate of suicide prevention.

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Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ tickets @ \$100 (\$50 tax deductible) per person to attend the **February 19 Concert and Reception**.

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ tickets @ \$125 (\$65 tax deductible) per person to attend concert and reception plus **autographed CD**

I cannot attend, but enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of \$_____

New Jersey's Premiere Gun Violence Prevention Group Merges Under CFPA's Umbrella



We are delighted to announce that as the New Year begins, Ceasefire New Jersey (CFNJ), the state's premiere gun violence prevention group, will merge under the umbrella of the Coalition for Peace Action (CFPA), and become a project of CFPA and its educational arm, the Peace Action Education Fund (PAEF). The boards of each entity have been exploring this option since the fall, and both recently voted unanimously to approve it.

The merger will utilize the strengths of each group to synergistically maximize effectiveness. CFNJ has a distinguished track record over the past 25 years, including passing, and then preventing the repeal of, New Jersey's Assault Weapons Ban (still the strongest such law in the nation); and spearheading a broad coalition of over 50 groups in passing the first-in-the-nation Childproof Handgun Bill that mandates that all handguns sold in NJ be equipped with built-in technology that prevents them from being fired by anyone except the lawful owner.

Most recently, CFNJ has co-founded and taken leadership in an interfaith campaign in Southeastern Pennsylvania called *Heeding God's Call*, which succeeded in generating enough pressure from the faith community to close a gun shop last May in Northeast Philadelphia that was responsible for a substantial portion of illegal gun sales that were later used in violent crimes.

CFPA also has a long and successful history of interfaith leadership for peace and justice in the region so there is a natural and mutually reinforcing collaboration that will increase effectiveness for gun violence prevention, as well as broader peace issues.

CFPA adopted "Halt Weapons Trafficking" as one of its three permanent priorities in 1993, in the wake of the first Gulf War. When the NRA tried to rescind New Jersey's Assault Weapons Ban that year, CFPA decided that if it was opposed to trafficking weapons of war abroad, it should also oppose them in communities here at home.

Finally, CFPA brings to the merger strong administration and grass-roots organizing through its regional office overseeing 18 chapters and over 7,800 members and supporting households. Combined with CFNJ's outstanding legislative and media successes, leaders of each group feel this is a win-win outcome.

The former board of CFNJ will re-constitute as a Project Committee of CFPA early in the new year. Any supporters of CFNJ, whether or not they are members of CFPA, are welcome to join that committee. Please contact the CFPA office to join the Ceasefire Project Committee or for further information.

Supporters wishing to designate a gift for the work of Ceasefire NJ should make their checks payable to Ceasefire NJ (for lobbying work, not tax deductible) or to Ceasefire NJ Education Fund (for tax deduction, to support educational efforts). Checks should be mailed to the CFPA office at 40 Witherspoon Street, Princeton, NJ 08542.

Honor Dr. King by Demonstrating to Close the Army Experience Center

As part of its ongoing campaign to close the Army Experience Center (AEC) in Franklin Mills Mall in Northeast Philadelphia, CFPA will spearhead a demonstration on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 16** during the weekend commemorating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. The AEC uses actual machine guns, humvees, and electronic war games to entice children as young as 13 to consider enlisting in the US Army.

The **demonstration** will begin with a vigil at 11:30 AM at the corner of Knights and Woodhaven Roads, near the entrance of the Franklin Mills Mall. It will tentatively include a **march** to the AEC and a **rally** in front of it, with dynamic speakers in the prophetic tradition of Dr. King. Plans are for the event to conclude at approximately 1:30 PM. For further information, visit CFPA's web site, www.peacecoalition.org or contact CFPA Pennsylvania staffer Bill Deckhart at (215) 380-6804 or billdeckhart@verizon.net.