



16th Annual

# Winter SolstíCelebration™

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### **Sundays**

9 & 11 a.m. - Liturgical Worship

1:00 p.m. - Servicio Litúrgico en Español

6:00 p.m. - Vespers Service

### **Wednesdays**

6:15 p.m. - Adult Christian Education

7:15 p.m. - Contemporary Worship

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# WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

## "WORTHY"

Pre-Service Music - 6:30 to 6:55 pm

MosaicSong

Pre-Service Video - 6:55 to 7 pm

"Right Now"

### SOLSTICE SERVICE - 7 to 9 pm

#### Theme Section: "Worthy"

Theme Introduction – Amy Martin

Song – "How Could Anyone" – David Howard and J Kendel Johnson

Dance – "Lifting Her Up" – Sultan's Dreams dancers and drummers, and Matt Willis, Scottish highland bagpipes

#### Opening Section: "Humanity"

Opening Ceremony: "Four Corners of the Globe" – ceremonialists with Sultan's Dreams dancers and drummers, and Matt Willis, Scottish highland bagpipes

Chanting: "Divine Chord" – Annie Benjamin with David Howard, J Kendel Johnson & Drums Not Guns

Yoga: "Healing Circle" – Tzivia Stein-Barrett with Rogelio Chapa

#### Eventide

Storytelling: "The Lion and the Goats" – Gene and Peggy Helmick-Richardson

Dance: "Two Mothers" – Elledanceworks

Song: "All Are Worthy" – Geoffrey Ricketts, harp and Matt Woodbury, baritone, with Annie Benjamin, flute, Sultan's Dreams dancers and drummers

#### Twilight

Song: "Ancestors' Breath" – MosaicSong

Ritual: "Community Beyond Time: Naming of the Dead"

Music: "For My Father" – Freddie Jones, trumpet

#### Nocturne

Song: "Would You Harbor Me" – MosaicSong

Ritual: "Solstice Passage" with Sacred Sound: "In Perfect Trust" – Cornell Kinderknecht and Jodi Roberts, dance by Monica Lecrone

#### New Day Dawning

Spoken Word & Music: "On the Brink" – Mad Swirl with Swirve

Music: "Morning Song" – Michael Gott, keyboards, & Cornell Kinderknecht, flute

#### Weaving Our Web

Song: "Better Angels" – Tom Prasada-Rao and Cary Cooper

Ritual: "Cocoa Communion"

Activity: "Community Meet & Greet"

Video: "It Takes a Village" – Scooter Smith with Music: improvisation, Annie Benjamin, flute

#### Community Celebration

Song: "The Light of the World" – Lainey Bernstein

Song: "Worthy" – Michael Gott with J Kendel Johnson

#### Into the New Year

Drum Circle: "Express Yourself" – Michael Kenny with Drums Not Guns

Ritual: "Dancing Through the Gates into a New Year"

### Earth Rhythms Silent Auction

Participate in the SolstiCelebration silent auction! Beautiful hand-crafted and antique jewelry, sacred items, incredible wall and table art, lovely accessories and much more. Get your bids in by 9:30 pm!

### Lobby Band (9 to 10 pm)

Groove to the music of tao jonesin, the father and son percolation that is Chad and Sidney Evans. <http://www.inkflik.com/taojonesin>

### Cosmic Carolers

The Wyld Professor (aka Bradley Ellis) leads a happy band of pagan singers and chanters for your enjoyment. Join in on a tune!

### Roving Characters

Ask them for a blessing (except for the Boogeyman, you have to catch him!)

- **The Beauty Sisters** will remind you of your own inner – and outer – beauty.
- **Mother Yule**, as embodied by Valery Guignon, brings you the peace of winter.
- **Spirit of Peace**, portrayed by Alyce Payne, gives you the gift of Oneness.
- **Boogeyman** is brought to life by Troy Young. Touch his rag cloak and transfer your dark side to him for good fortune and happiness in the upcoming year. His cloak will be symbolically burnt at the next New Moon.

### Earth Rhythms Tables

Please drop by to:

- Become an Earth Rhythms' member and help pay the staff for next year's event or just donate to the cause.
- Leave your thoughts in the SolstiCelebration memory book.

At the tables you can buy:

- The brand new Earth Rhythms and Winter SolstiCelebration tshirts and totebags!
- Purchase CDs by the performers or the new Earth Rhythms CD of music from prior SolstiCelebrations.
- Amy Martin's "Spirit Herbs" book, Prosperity Potpourri or Happy Mix potpourris-with-a-punch blends.

### Peace Zone

- Get a paper origami peace crane from Jo Wharton and learn the story of Sadako.
- Explore how peace within leads to peace in the Community with the Peace Project.
- Tie a prayer for peace on the Peace Prayer Tree or create a peace prayer flag.
- Get involved with the Texas campaign for a U.S. Department of Peace, Peacemakers, Dallas Peace Center and more.

### Father Winter is here for you!



Portrayed by **Ed Townley** in a sumptuous costume for children and adults alike! He's ensconced behind the glass doors by the restrooms, where **Jules the Giant Elf Queen** will help you sign up for a photo. **Jennifer Walz** of Sentient Photography [www.myspace.com/jacwphotos](http://www.myspace.com/jacwphotos) will take a digital picture that is printed on the spot for you. You can also download it later from <http://picasaweb.google.com/walz.Jennifer>.



A \$5 donation is requested.



### RECAPTURE THE EVENING

A photo essay of the entire event can be found in a few days at [www.jrcompton.com/words/meta](http://www.jrcompton.com/words/meta). A link to streaming video of the service, courtesy Cathedral of Hope, will be available at [www.EarthRhythms.org](http://www.EarthRhythms.org) about a week after the event.



### EARTH RHYTHMS RETAIL

Help fund the group with your purchases!

Earth Rhythms now has a store with t-shirts and tote bags! Right here in the lobby! (And online in 2009.) Some feature our great logo with the celebrating figure and leaf. Others showcase the amazing Winter SolstiCelebration tree by artist Scooter Smith ([www.skooch.tv](http://www.skooch.tv)) in a variety of designs.

You can also go online to the artist's Café Press store ([www.cafepress.com/MoonladyMart](http://www.cafepress.com/MoonladyMart)) and get these designs in wall clocks, keepsake boxes, greeting cards, wall art, coffee mugs, mouse pads and more. Plus clothing in a variety of styles, including tank tops, sweatshirts, jerseys and toddler wear.

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## SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

### *Have Fun Shopping & Help Fund Earth Rhythms*

At Earth Rhythms, we depend on our silent auction to cover annual costs such as mail service, web site, storage unit and insurance. If you've never done a silent auction, some tips are below. Shopping hours are from 6 to 7 pm, and 9 to 9:30 pm. The bidding closes at 9:30 pm.

In the lobby, there are three tables loaded with fine items:

- **Jewelry** hand-crafted from metaphysical minerals, stones and beads, plus unique estate pieces and Native American beading.
- **Sacred items** like a gazing ball, scrying mirror, Egyptian deity statue, divination and affirmation cards.
- **Table art** including a variety of ceramics and sparkling specimen crystals.
- And assorted items like **fair-trade coffee**... hand-crafted **body-care** basket.... unique **fiber purses and hats**... a **jeweled pet collar**... and more!

That's a lot of flash! So seek out the quiet wonders like a **neuro-linguistic programming** certificates and a ticket to 3-day **conference** on progressive education.

Be sure to look on the wall behind the tables! All that **art** plus the **wall hangings** and more can be bid on. It includes a holy mandala, photograph of sacred scenery, colorful painting, floral watercolor and more.

Don't overlook the freestanding items like a custom painted **wooden café table** and a tall **metal Moondance sculpture**. See that great **wreath** on the front of the stage? It's for sale, too!

And though it won't be physically present, we are auctioning off a **baby grand piano!**

### **What's a Silent Auction?**

A Silent Auction is a lot like bidding on Ebay, but it's live and in person.

### **How do I bid?**

Each item has a bid sheet next to it with a beginning bid amount. That's the very lowest amount we can take on the item. There are bidding increments listed on the bid sheet. This tells you the dollar amount to increase from the prior bid.

### **How do I know if I won the item?**

The bidding closes at 9:30. The last person bidding on each item wins! If you really want something, you may need to keep a close watch. Some things are so popular that several people are bidding, and you may need to keep increasing your bid to win the item. This is especially important in the last few minutes before bidding closes.

### **What about if I want to buy the item right away so I don't risk losing it? Or what if I have to leave early?**

Each bid sheet has a buy-it-now price. One of the magnificent silent auction team members will be behind each table to help you.

### **What happens if I win?**

You must be present so that the winning items can be taken home. No mailing of items. Your goodies can be paid for with cash, check, or credit card.

## YULE FEST SNACK FEAST

Take part in all our lobby activities while also enjoying a snack feast in the Yule Fest hour from 9 to 10 pm. Stick around afterwards and help us put everything up! You might get leftover goodies to take home.

The snack feast, arrayed in **Fellowship Hall**, features home-baked sweet goods, fresh baked yeast breads, savory snacks, fruits and nuts. Sip some hot and cold apple punch, coffee and tea. Enjoy hot chai from Cosmic Café.

Prepared and presented by the **Circle of the Serpent** ([www.circleoftheserpent.org](http://www.circleoftheserpent.org)) with sacred love. We are grateful to all of them for this kind service.

PLEASE be sure to **look for recycling bins** to ecologically dispose of your serving ware. **No food or drink in the sanctuary** please.

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## PERFORMERS

### On the Stage

CDs from the performers are available at the Earth Rhythms table in the lobby. Many are featured on the fundraising CD: "The Sound of Earth Rhythms: Spiritual Music from SolstiCelebration and Moonlady Night."

**Annie Benjamin** is an energetic, activist, musician mom who seeks to inspire the listener to bring about positive change in the world. She has developed programs for kids incorporating recycling and music, provided music for theatrical productions and hosted a monthly songwriters workshop. A vocalist, flutist and guitarist, she recently released her second album "Some Kind of Wonder." [www.anniebenjamin.com](http://www.anniebenjamin.com) [www.myspace.com/anniebenjamin](http://www.myspace.com/anniebenjamin)

**Lainey Bernstein** is a singer-songwriter known for her wide vocal range and singing styles, with a calm, yet intense delivery of any song's message. She is the assistant Music Director at the Center For Spiritual Living, she teaches private voice lessons, preschool music, musical theatre and acting. Her debut inspirational album "Souls on Fire" was released last year. [www.laineybernstein.com](http://www.laineybernstein.com)

**Rogelio Chapa** is a Yogi who believes in "Service First." He is a professional public educator/yoga teacher instructor; teaching in the US, Mexico and Europe. Certified in Ashtanga and as a certified Neuromuscular Therapist, he has been practicing, teaching and studying yoga for close to 20 year. He offers private/corporate lessons as well as CEUs to participating Yoga Studios. [txmobileom@yahoo.com](mailto:txmobileom@yahoo.com)

**Elledanceworks** began when Ronelle Eddings and Michele Hanlon joined energies in the co-production of a dance and the chemistry was dynamic. That became Elledanceworks dance company, now in its twelfth season. Six of eight performers are dance education specialists currently or recently working in local universities, colleges and school districts. Elledanceworks presented local and out of state choreographers and companies with the aim of enriching the experience of live dance for audience and performers alike. [Elledanceworks@att.net](mailto:Elledanceworks@att.net)



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**Global Ceremonialists** invoking the gifts of their people are John Beckett, Dorayne Breedlove, Anusha Das and Roe Bear.

**Michael Gott** is a recording artist and composer best known for his heart-opening and inspiring songs such as "Love Can Move the World" and "There is Only Love." He is Music and Fine Arts Director at the Center for Spiritual Living, and tours extensively throughout North America and Europe. He has released 9 albums including his latest "All is Calm, All is Bright," featuring well known holiday favorites and new, original songs that reflect a contemporary spiritual point of view. [www.michaelgott.com](http://www.michaelgott.com) [www.csldallas.org](http://www.csldallas.org)

**Twice Upon a Time Storytellers Gene and Peggy Helmick-Richardson** utilize the ancient art of storytelling to explore the complex and challenging issues facing us in our modern society. Through the experience of listening to and sharing stories, children and adults alike can be united in their families and communities, and open themselves to understanding the connections with others from around our wonderful globe. [www.twicetellers.com](http://www.twicetellers.com)

**Rev. David Howard** serves as spiritual leader of The Unity Church of Arlington. He is the author of a book of prayers "In This Moment" and his 2007 CD release, Spark, featured musical contributions from Sara Hickman, Jeff Black and the late Carter Albrecht. David delivers impressively engaging folk/rock/pop performances, but he has also sung professionally in operas and musical theater, sharing the stage with Ben Vereen, Ann Jillian and Brooke Shields. [www.DavidHoward.com](http://www.DavidHoward.com)

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**Freddie Jones**, with roots in Memphis, is a popular jazz trumpet player in area nightclubs, festivals and events. Enormous talent with roots in Memphis and a jazz studies degree from University of North Texas. Freddie's passion for playing has earned a devoted following. He has several CDs to his credit. [www.freddiejones.net](http://www.freddiejones.net)

**J Kendel Johnson**, who hails from the wide-open prairies of southwest Oklahoma, is a singer-songwriter, music and television producer, and the music director at the Unity Church of Arlington. He is also a facilitator and continuing student of Nonviolent Communication, as developed by Dr. Marshall Rosenberg, as well as a state coordinator for The Texas Campaign for a U.S. Department of Peace. [www.jkendel.com](http://www.jkendel.com)

**Michael Kenny** brings a sense of sacredness and wellness to musical experience as a music therapist, educator, and performer. He is a community drum circle facilitator and teaches world music percussion at Richland College and other venues. He has a master of music therapy at SMU and provides music therapy for Garland and Dallas ISDs. [www.drumheart.org](http://www.drumheart.org)

**Cornell Kinderknecht** is a performer of historic and world flutes. His original contemporary instrumental music is a unique style combining his experience in the genres of world, classical, pop, and folk music and has been described as soothing, soaring, and playful. Along with being a successful recording artist and performer, Cornell is also a featured presenter at music workshops around the U.S. [www.cornellk.com](http://www.cornellk.com)

**Monica Lecrone**, a dancer since her early teens, now explores the medium of interpretative moving meditation. She experiences dance as a spiritual practice, allowing Divine Energy to flow unimpeded, and has participated in ceremonial occasions at Center for Spiritual Living and Awakening Heart Sangha. She is an Argentine tango dancer, singer and full-time mom.

**Mad Swirl** is a platform, a showcase and a stage for the poets, artists, writers, illustrators and photographers in this mad, mad world of ours. Mad Swirl takes the many sides of art and showcases it between a front and back cover, a www and a dot com and on stage at our 1st Wednesday open mic. Mad Swirl recognizes the madness of creation, the madness of life, the madness of art and tries to get all into as many heads as possible. [www.madswirl.com](http://www.madswirl.com)



**Amy Martin** is the grand poohbah of Winter SolstiCelebrations and Earth Rhythms, and has been leading public rituals for over 15 years. She is a writer and speaker by trade, and runs the popular list serve Moonlady News plus several others. She self-publishes books through her company Moonlady Media. [www.moonlady.com](http://www.moonlady.com).

**MosaicSong** is a women's vocal ensemble dedicated to the enrichment, enlightenment and education of audiences through the performance of culturally diverse music. Our first CD, "Come Walk With Us" was released in May 2007. Our second CD, "Sing We Joyous" will be released in December 2008. [www.mosaicsong.org](http://www.mosaicsong.org)

**Tom Prasada-Rao and Cary Cooper** are both Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk winners and together they serve up a batch of songs that stir the soul, warm the heart and tickle the funny bone. Two voices and a guitar, intricate harmonies with a little cheerleading thrown in, singing love songs for grown ups. [www.thedreamsicles.com](http://www.thedreamsicles.com)

**Geoffrey Ricketts** owns the Geoffrey Harp School, where he has been teaching students to play lever and pedal harps since 1994. Though a classically trained professional harpist, he is known for his improvisational abilities and wide range from rock music to Great American Songbook compositions. Hear his music in mp3 format for free at [www.myspace.com/geoffreythebard](http://www.myspace.com/geoffreythebard) [www.harps-of-avalon.com](http://www.harps-of-avalon.com)

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**Jodi Roberts** is a ceremonial concert musician and recording artist using the sound of Tibetan bowls and wind gongs to weave meditative, ceremonial experiences. A cultural anthropologist, she is trained in cross-cultural Native American ceremony and healing, spiritual counseling, Zen meditation and Tibetan sound healing. She has 20 years of experience and training in mindfulness and meditation techniques for stress reduction and creation of clear choices. [www.SacredInspiration.com](http://www.SacredInspiration.com)

**Tzivia Stein-Barrett** is founder of Healing Circle Center a virtual educational and therapy practice. She melds psychodrama, yoga, massage and other modalities to form a Bodymind Integration Therapy. Tzivia has a BA in the Visual Arts, MSW in clinical social work, CP in dramatic therapeutic arts, CYI and LMT in yoga and massage training, and has given experiential talkshops for groups and conferences. [www.HealingCircleCenter.org](http://www.HealingCircleCenter.org)

**Sultan's Dreams** is an eclectic bellydance troupe based out of the Irving/Grand Prairie area, with styles ranging from classic Turkish and Egyptian stylings to hip hop, plus some Bollywood and Caribbean for fun! They just opened the doors of Ancient Traditions, a community meeting place. [bethanystretch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bethanystretch@sbcglobal.net)

**Swirve** consists of **Chris Curiel**, who plays the trumpet backwards, **Gerard Bendiks**, who plays the drums upside-down and **Tamitha Curiel**, who plays her mouth kinda sideways. Swirve likes to play music very much. Catch them if you can! [www.myspace.com/swirvemusic](http://www.myspace.com/swirvemusic)

**Matt Willis** is an experienced bagpiper, playing both the Scottish Highland pipes as well as the Irish uilleann pipes. Matt specializes not only in bagpipe performance, but also in bagpipe lessons, sales, and restoration. Matt is a member of the local Celtic rock band The Killdares. [www.mattpiper.com](http://www.mattpiper.com)

**Chocolate kisses for Cocoa Communion are a gift from monkey. Keep up with the global adventures of the little terry-cloth primate at [www.himoney.net](http://www.himoney.net)**

**Matt Woodbury** lends his baritone to the Dallas Opera Chorus. Together with harpist Geoffrey Ricketts they perform "The Great American Songbook," doing the tunes of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Richard Rodgers and others. He is also a skilled harpist and voice instructor. [www.mattwoodburymusic.com](http://www.mattwoodburymusic.com)

**Drums Not Guns** is a non-profit group that promotes peace through drumming. We believe people coming together to enjoy and play music develop greater communication and understanding as they are reminded of our common humanity and inter-reliance. We also teach drumming to at-risk youth to diffuse anger, build team spirit and offer a safe place for self-expression. Come join us in the fun. [www.drums.org/dng](http://www.drums.org/dng)

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### *In the Lobby*

**Cosmic Carolers** are an eclectic group of pagan singers organized under direction of the Wyld Professor. They are sure to become known for their boundless enthusiasm, unrestrained joy and colorful outfits! They sing songs that you will like and, if it appears they are having more fun than you are, then perhaps you should join in and sing with them!

**Father Winter** is portrayed by **Ed Townley**, a healthcare administrator who cherishes the pleasure and privilege of bringing cheer to celebrants, appearing in various versions of the iconic figure since 2000. He is also proud to serve on the board of directors for Earth Rhythms as treasurer and director of retail services. He lives in the northern suburbs of DFW with his partner Dave, dogs Judy and Rocky, and a cat named Naomi.

**Mother Yule** is brought to life by Valery Guignon, an artist who hand-dyes silk and crafts them into kimonos, scarves, shawls, purses and more. Her other passion is metal, creating art lamps, garden and abstract sculpture. She teaches Wild Woman Doll Making workshops and follows her intuition to embody spiritual characters at special times. Ask for a blessing from her enchanted staff. [www.guignon.com](http://www.guignon.com)

**Spirit of Peace** is portrayed by **Alyce Payne**, a Minister of Spiritual Peacemaking. Alyce twice traveled to India for training as a Oneness Blessing facilitator. A teacher and practitioner of ThetaHealing, as well as a Reiki Master, Alyce combines her 10+ years hands-on healing experience to create an atmosphere of sacred change in her work and teaches theta healing, crystal layouts and chakra balancing. [www.thetateacher.com](http://www.thetateacher.com)

**tao jonesin** spins world-beat cyberjazz grooves by multi-instrumentalist/artist chad evans, featuring special guest, dj skwishy squid. "For this event, we'll be performing seasonal music smashed into electro body-happy coolness." "When ya dance, you just are Jah" - Bob Marley <http://inkflix.com/music/taojonesin>



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### **Video Essay**

The pre-service video, "Right Now," is courtesy of The Daily Motivator [www.GreatDay.com](http://www.GreatDay.com). If you'd like to see it again, though with a different soundtrack, visit [www.PositivePause.com](http://www.PositivePause.com).

The sacred sound music for the video, written to open the heart chakra, is from the CD "Equilibrium" by Cornell Kinknecht, Bill Protzmann and Jodi Roberts. [www.OneCosmicGiggle.com](http://www.OneCosmicGiggle.com)

### **Amy's Attire**

Amy Martin's dress was obtained at the Echo Theater's twice-annual clothes swap that benefits the theatre. Admission to the swap was a mere \$20 and a bag of clothes to contribute to the swap. [www.echotheatre.org](http://www.echotheatre.org)

The silver shawl features see-through panes of small sea treasures and silver Milagros. It is made from hand-dyed silk by Valery Guignon and is on loan from the artist. [www.guignon.com](http://www.guignon.com).

### **Stage Wreath**

The stage wreath, which represents global humanity and nature, was created by artist Julia Schloss, much of it from recycled materials. [www.resurrectionart.com](http://www.resurrectionart.com) Please make an offer for it at the silent auction tables in the lobby!



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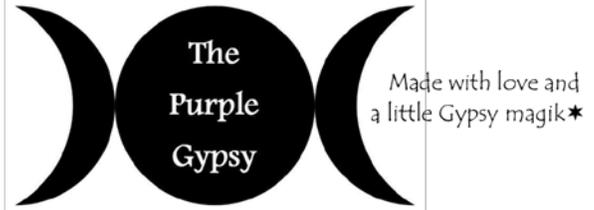
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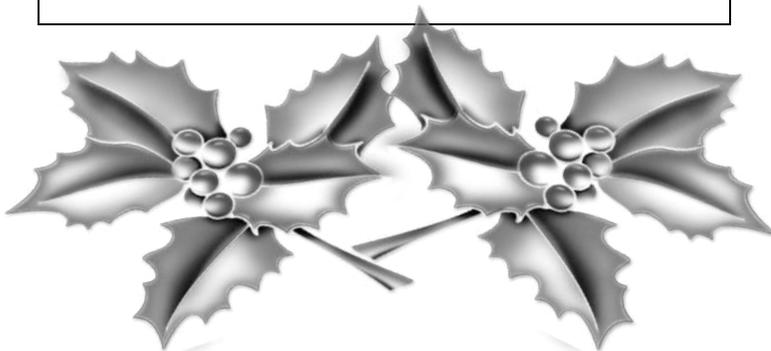
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## Community Alliance



## Who We Are

DFW International Community Alliance is the portal to international North Texas, a region in which 40% of the residents are New Americans of first or second generation. We are a network of over 1,600 internationally-focused organizations in the Dallas / Fort Worth metroplex that embodies the cultural and economic vibrancy of the global community. **Our Mission is to build mutual understanding and respect by linking diverse international cultural communities.**

## What We Do

### CULTURAL EVENTS

- WorldFest
- African Unity Festival and DFW African Unity Cup
- Navidad Latinoamericana
- Fiesta Latinoamericana!
- Global Sacred Music Celebration
- DFW International Dinner with Dallas Mayor Leppert

### GLOBAL EVENTS CALENDAR

- Weekly Cultural Bulletin that reaches 66,000 individuals via email
- REDLatinaDFW and African Unity DFW yahoogroups
- Website of resources that receives 3 million hits a month

### REPORTS and GUIDES

- Three reports that analyze the North Texas region's international face
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Intrigued by Eric Weiner's book, *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Guide to the Happiest Places in the World*, I wondered, **"Have we forgotten how to be happy? Have we forgotten the way to peace?"** And what if rather than working so hard to make money all the time, we donated just four hours a month to make each other happy, centered and peaceful?" I found that the happiness of a country is directly related to its good health. The better the health of its citizens, the higher the happiness quotient of the country. If we could make people healthier and happier, wouldn't they be more peaceful

and more productive? What if every citizen around the world learned Peace Skills – a set of skills that would allow them to alleviate stress, improve health, and give them the capacity to deal with all that life brings in a peaceful, compassionate way?

And so THE PEACE PROJECT was born: a bold new program that provides peace education to the public for free! THE PEACE PROJECT will reach out to communities around the globe and work through schools, large corporations, small businesses, faith-based organizations, etc. to provide a variety of collaborative events.

The basic design of THE PEACE PROJECT involves systematic education with participation by people from all faith traditions, spiritual practices, as well as those whose belief systems may be based on humanism and secular ethics or nature philosophy. Citizens of any Peace Project community will receive specialized training (at no charge) from THE PEACE PROJECT staff in tools to enhance peaceful living such as HeartMath, EFT, Nonviolent Communication, Breathwork and Meditation.

Dallas, Texas is our test case city. Education programs started in June of 2008. THE PEACE

PROJECT in Dallas involves formatting Peace Education Skills that can easily be passed from one person to another or one city to another.

To test the efficacy of THE PEACE PROJECT the citizens of Dallas will participate in a study to reduce crime and enhance peace in the metroplex using their new skills combined with the power of intentional consciousness, meditation, and/or prayer. Working with The Gandhi King Chavez Season for Peace and Nonviolence, THE PEACE PROJECT FOUNDATION is inviting Dallas civic leaders and surrounding municipalities to create sacred service partnerships for peace.

The collective intention study will be activated by participants through the lens of their particular sacred and ethical practice during a prescribed period of time over the course of **64 days** for the Gandhi King Season for Nonviolence from **Jan 30 - April 4, 2009.**

Take leadership in our social rebirth! Join THE PEACE PROJECT!

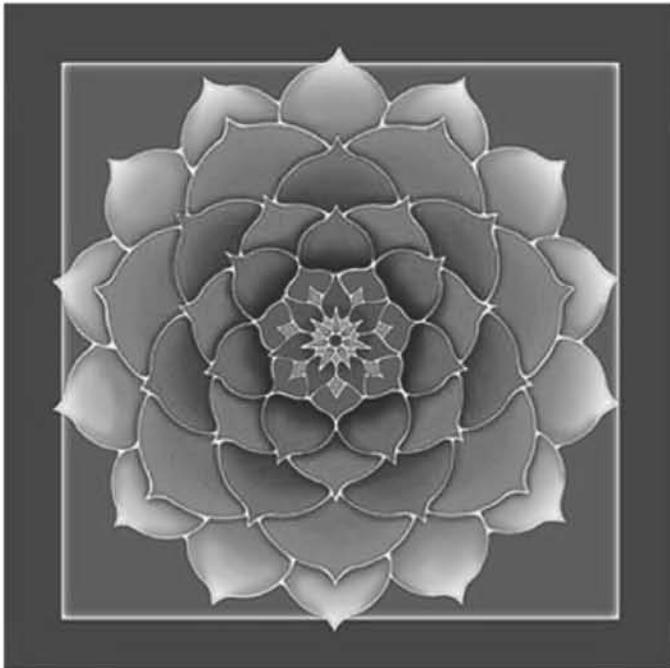


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# Earth Rhythms Welcomes You to Winter SolstiCelebration!

Earth Rhythms presents experiential events, preserves natural places and provides assistance to those in need in the North Central Texas region, including the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

Earth Rhythms, is the nonprofit, tax-exempt, group that presents Winter SolstiCelebration at Cathedral of Hop each December. We've also presented Moonlady Fests at the Bath House Cultural Center every spring and fall for the past two years. Starting in 2009, the Fests will be combined into one Summer SolstiCelebration. In our first 16 months, we also launched a concert and lecture series with a musical kirtan by Deva Premal and Miten. In the process we're creating some top-notch event producers, including Rodney Steman, Elizabeth Harbin, Mary Ellen Terlikowski and Suzy Moore. A 2009 or 2010 lecture is in the works. Deva Premal and Miten will return in 2010 with workshops as well as a concert.

We invite you to join us at Earth Rhythms as a Friend, Supporter, Builder or Founder. YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN! Just fill in the form below and bring it to our tables in the lobby with your donation. Or do it at home and mail it in. Whatever your skill or talent is, we have a place for you as a volunteer, advisory board, or board of directors member.

We are grateful for your attendance tonight and hope to see you again at Summer SolstiCelebration.

Amy Martin  
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## Our Projects

### Winter SolstiCelebration

Our flagship project is Winter SolstiCelebration, a multicultural interfaith exploration of the regenerative grace of darkness and the redemptive power of light. The event is a powerful montage of song, ceremony, music, ritual, poetry, spoken word and dance. It is followed by a Yule Fest with a snack feast, roving characters, photos with Father Winter, peace activities, and a dance band. The night includes a large silent auction bazaar as a primary fundraiser for Earth Rhythms. Over 15 years old and attended by over 1000, it is the second largest Winter Solstice celebration in the nation.

### Earth Rhythms Presents

Though one of the largest cities in the nation, Dallas receives few visits from national alternative spiritual musicians and presenters. They'll frequently perform in smaller cities on the coasts and other areas seen as 'hip,' while bypassing the North Texas area.

We decline to be seen as flyover territory anymore. In the early 1980s a nonprofit group called TITAS began bringing in non-mainstream music and dance into Dallas. Because of TITAS, groups like the Kodo Drummers, now sell out multiple-night engagements, broadening the cultural mindset of North Texas.

Earth Rhythms Presents plans to do for alternative spirituality what TITAS did for music and dance. Potential musicians include chantress Deva Premal and Native American flutist R. Carlos Nakai. On the list of potential presenters are Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Han, pagan activist Starhawk and eco-Christian Matthew Fox.

### Summer SolstiCelebration

The alternative festival happens in June at the historic art deco Bath House Cultural Center on the shore of White Rock Lake. Inside the theatre is a variety of music and performance shows. The lobby percolates with the vegetarian Crosby Café and a henna tattoo artist. A movement meditation class convenes in the art gallery. The New Thought/Ancient Wisdom fair takes place outside on the front porch and spacious back patio overlooking the lake. A drum jam occurs outside in the intimate stone amphitheater and a seasonal ceremony is held beneath the huge live oak trees.

### Open Space Protection

Respecting the Earth is a part of all Earth Rhythms activities. Most people access the natural world through public parks, yet these places are often not conducive to contemplation that deepens our relationship with nature. Earth Rhythms seeks to acquire and manage rural and urban land parcels to provide places of natural retreat for wisdom and healing.

### Naomi West Community Fund

The fund was named after an Earth Rhythms volunteer whose life was shortened by her inability to afford adequate medical care. As funds become available, assistance will be extended for community members to visit a physician or get a diagnostic tests they are not able to afford, and for health emergencies.