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MEDIA ADVISORY: Community Activism at Work in Ottawa

11th Annual Friends for Peace Day
Saturday, September 28, 2013, 11am – 4.30pm,
Jean Pigott Place, Ottawa City Hall
All Nations, All Traditions - a Circle of Friendship
www.friendsforpeace.ca

Friends for Peace Day is an awesome, diverse, unique Ottawa experience. It is a day to celebrate the consciousness of peace, social justice and planetary care rather than bemoan their scarcity. Mayor Jim Watson had this to say: “Friends for Peace is an outstanding organization that does very important work, promoting, strengthening and maintaining peace, planetary care and social justice within our communities and the environment.”

There will be music, speeches, dancing, fabulous food at the Servedy, and a chance to learn and connect. The day opens with *Orkidstra* followed by the Dandelion Dance Company. These young people signal that we have a future. Peggy Taillon will talk about the Hera Mission in Kenya. And all-time favorites, Big Soul Project, close the morning program by raising the roof with their exuberance and joie. The Lunch Break is an opportunity to browse the Silent Auction, visit the community tables, check out the Connection Centre and enjoy the country bazaar nature of the event. The afternoon program begins with a First Nations theme – Asinabika Drum Circle and Idle No More. The 2013 Peace Awards will be presented to architect and visionary Douglas Cardinal and to curator Dr Amber Lloydlangton and her team at the War Museum for their magnificent Peace Exhibition. From Montreal – a great band with Sonja Ball and Friends, followed by Lucille Hildesheim on Celtic Harp. Michael McCulloch will close out the day with songs of peace and justice long.

Entrance is by donation. All funds raised enable Peace Grants to be presented every year to organizations making a difference in our city and internationally. The intent is to create a different form of peaceful expression that appeals to a wide cross section of Canadian citizens who want to create infrastructure in our institutions that value peace and planetary processes. Get there early for the opening with *Orkidstra*. Doors open at 10.30am.

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