

Hope Out Loud Press Advisory

The 9th Annual Hope Out Loud Peace and Arts Festival is a free community event that will be held Sunday, September 19th in Hartford's Bushnell Park. Featuring more than 40 activist and advocacy organizations that provide literature and contact opportunities, a cooperative family and children's activity area, and 2 stage areas featuring music poetry and speakers highlighting local and international calls to action, Hope Out Loud combines a family fun day with opportunities to increase involvement in social change movements.

The keynote speaker will be Shahid Buttar. He is a civil rights lawyer, hip-hop & electronica MC, independent columnist, non-profit leader, grassroots community organizer, singer and poet. Professionally, he leads the Bill of Rights Defense Committee as Executive Director. He also serves as co-Director of the Rule of Law Institute, a U.S.-based organization supporting international efforts to defend or restore the rule of law.

Featured Main Stage performers include instrumental World Fusion band String Theorie, who Folk Rock band Hap Hazard and Friends and Hartford poet David Pontrelli. String Theorie has been making fast waves with audiences everywhere they play; venues range from WNPR's 'Where We Live', the Mark Twain House, La Paloma Sabanera Coffeehouse, 125 Riverside Drive, Zen Bar and many more!

The Main Stage will feature a diverse program of musical and spoken word performers and speakers drawn from the regional activist community. Across the Festival site is a second staging area where the monthly Hope Out Loud Coffeehouse is re-created in the Park. An open mike provides an opportunity for unscheduled artists to perform with an area with seating and refreshments conducive to casual interaction. Tabling organizations are placed in the central area of the site to capture the audience as it moves from one stage area to another and to allow the tabling groups to hear the artists and speakers. The Family/Kids Activity area provides an opportunity to expose children to free cooperative and peace oriented activities. Originally developed for children, as the quality and diversity of activities available has grown, more adults are participating each year. Many of the activities are derived from the Arts including coloring and painting projects, bubble fun, balloon sculpture, face painting, drum circles and storytelling. The event's schedule has evolved to promote interaction between people participating in the Festival and movement around the site rather than a stage oriented program. This has been facilitated by moving the Festival to a natural setting conducive to promoting interaction among people present in the Northeast corner of Bushnell Park.

Hope Out Loud, which began in 2002 as a response to 9/11, is a shared call for renouncing violence while developing peaceful conflict resolutions, for social justice, and for economic equity with sustainable environmental cohabitation. **Hope Out Loud** is a celebration of the creativity and vibrancy of Connecticut's advocacy, service, activist and arts communities that are committed to peace and social justice and it is intended to provide inspiration for renewal and recommitment.

Hope Out Loud is supported in part by The Greater Hartford Arts Council and The City of Hartford. Media sponsorship is provided by The Hartford Advocate.

Sponsoring organizations to date include West Hartford Citizens for Peace and Justice, American Friends Service Committee-CT, CT TransAdvocacy, La Paloma Sabanera Coffeehouse, Hartford/Ocatol Sister City Project, CT United for Peace, United Nations Association – CT, Christian Conference of CT, CT Network to Abolish the Death Penalty, CT Valley Atheists, CT Votes for Animals, Heartbeat Ensemble

For photos or further information use the above listed contact information or visit our website at www.hopeoutloud.org.

HOPE OUT LOUD 9 Peace and Arts Festival

How to Help

The Hope Out Loud 9 Organizing Committee welcomes your participation in this year's event on September 19, 2010. Please use this opportunity to let us know how you can join us as we **Hope Out Loud** that *a peaceful world is possible*.



HOPE OUT LOUD – Hurrah!

Sponsors are non-profit, spiritual and grassroots organizations who want to be listed as supporters of Hope Out Loud and *may* commit time and talent as volunteers. Members plan to be present on the day of the event. Your organization's name will be included on promotional materials and a table will be provided. Sponsors are welcome to join the organizing committee and are encouraged to participate fully in producing the Festival. A donation of \$ 50 to \$ 100 is suggested for Sponsoring organizations. A 4.25" by 5.5" space in the HOL Program Book will be provided for \$100 'Golden Dove' sponsors. . *A final printing of full color posters and window cards is planned soon so register early to be included on these materials*

Tabling – plan on having your non-profit, spiritual or grassroots organization or political party represented at the Festival. Share your message and your mission among hundreds of people interested in creating peace, economic equity, social justice and environmental sustainability. Your organization will be provided with a table. A donation of \$ 25 is suggested for Tabling organizations.

Individuals can join us by attending the organizing committee meetings, volunteering (see back page), networking with relevant contacts, and donating materially or financially. While we work to keep expenses to a minimum there are real costs to producing this event. *Individual Sponsors*, suggested donation \$ 25 or more, will have their names listed in the Festival Program, with permission.

All Donations are suggested not expected – limited funds should not be a barrier to full participation.

Supporting Organizations can plan to join in many other ways. From organizing and promoting the festival to planning a group picnic on the day of the event, having a table or volunteering as a group or as individuals - make sure you and your priorities are part of the day.

Promotion – spread the word and promote the Festival. Include Hope Out Loud 9 in newsletters, on e-lists, at meetings and events, on calendars, etc. We will provide you with multiple promotional materials for distribution - flyers, window cards and more. Download the flyer and distribute it widely. Pass Hope Out Loud registration materials along to friends and relevant organizations. Help spread the word and bring in the people.

Vendors – join us at the Festival and show your wares to hundreds of Hopeful People spending a day in the sun. A contribution of \$ 25 to \$ 50 is requested from for-profit vendors. Tabling space will be provided. A City of Hartford permit may be required – please contact us for details.

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- HOPE OUT LOUD PROGRAM BOOK listing opportunities -

- Volunteer Information -

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Join us by completing the 'How to Help' form. For more information about Hope Out Loud 8 and how to become involved contact Hope Out Loud at 860-523-4823 or info@hopeoutloud.org. Visit our website at www.hopeoutloud.org. We look forward to working with you for a peaceful tomorrow.

HOPE OUT LOUD 9 Peace and Arts Festival Organizing Sponsors

*The Connecticut Coalition for Peace and Justice and West Hartford Citizens for Peace and Justice
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Be included in the Hope Out Loud 9 Peace and Arts Festival Program Book

<u>Listing Size</u>	<u>Suggested Donation*</u>
4.25" by 5.5"	\$ 25.00
5.5" by 8.5"	\$ 50.00

This will change soon and is based on submitting camera ready copy before August 15, 2010. Contact us for more information regarding listing in the Festival Program Book.

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VOLUNTEER with Hope Out Loud 9

Hope Out Loud is all volunteer produced and there are many opportunities for everyone to get directly involved. A large number of volunteers are needed on the day of the event to assist with set-up and strike, at the beginning and end of the Festival respectively. In addition a volunteer grounds crew, stage assistants, and Hope Out Loud table leaders are needed. The Family and Children's Activity Area will need a large crew – those interested should also consider volunteering during July (see below) to gain experience.

Throughout the summer there is a growing need for volunteers. On weekends in July Hope Out Loud provides Family and Children's Activities at the HartBeat Theater Ensemble's 'Plays in the Parks' series. This is an exciting opportunity to work with Hartford's families and children teaching peace through cooperative fun. Summer volunteers are also needed to help with promotional material distribution, telephone outreach and follow up as well as the general planning of the event.

Hope Out Loud is fun to produce and provides many, varied opportunities to exchange ideas and develop relationships within the activist, arts and advocacy communities.

For more information complete the HOL 9 registration form or contact us:

Hope Out Loud
PO Box 1812
Hartford, CT 06144
860-523-4823
info@hopeoutloud.org
www.hopeoutloud.org



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Hope Out Loud 9 Peace and Arts Festival

Join us by providing correct contact information, *printing legibly*, and indicating how you would like to participate.

Return this form to Hope Out Loud. PO Box 1812, Hartford, CT 06144.

Name _____ Organization _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail _____

Please indicate your level of support – see ‘How to Help’.

Golden Dove Sponsor : ____ **Sponsor:** ____ **Tabling:** ____ **Individual:** ____ **Vendor:** ____

HOL 9 Program Book listing 4.25” X 5.5” _____ 5.5” X 8.5” _____

Donation enclosed: \$ _____ Pledge amount: \$ _____

Make checks payable to ‘Hope Out Loud’ and indicate level of participation.

Volunteer: ____ Indicate volunteer preference and/or your priorities for HOL 9 on back page.

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Visit our website at www.hopeoutloud.org.

YOUR GROUP

Sample Half Page Ad - 4.25 x 5.5"

Jane Doe
123 Main St
Hartford, CT 06105
(987) 654-3211

- Meetings
- Events
- Information
- 4.25" x 5.5" ad
- Suggested donation \$25



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Sample Advertisements

HOPE OUT LOUD

Sample Full Page Ad - 5.5 x 8.5"



Community Peace and Arts Festival!
Sunday, September 19, 2010
Bushnell Park, Hartford
Noon-5pm



- Music
- Vendors
- Kids Activities
- Drum Circles
- Speakers
- Coffee House
- 5.5" X 8.5" ad
- Suggested Donation \$50



Sponsoring and Tabling Organizations

1199 Staff Solidarity Fund

A.N.S.W.E.R. CT

ACLU-CT

AFSC-CT

AFSCME Council 4, AFL-CIO

Agora Restaurant

Art and Struggle.com

Bright Star Vision

City of Hartford Registrar of Voters

Coalition for a Safe and Healthy CT

Corazon del Sol

CT Coalition for Environmental Justice

CT Coalition for Peace and Justice

CT Communist Party USA

CT Green Party

CT Iraq Veterans Against the War

CT Network Against the Death Penalty

CT Students Against the War

CT United For Peace & Justice

CT Valley Atheists

CTVotersCount.org

Donnelly/Colt

Fellowship of Reconciliation

Friends of Falun Gong

Greater Hartford Coalition on Cuba

Greater New Haven Peace Council

Hartford/Occult Sister City Project

Henna Dancer and Turkish Coffee

John Mertens for U.S. Senate, Independent Party

Libertarian Party

March Forward

No Nukes No War

Paloma Face Painting

Penguin Ice

Quinnikutkut Seeds of Change

Recycle Your Pants

Spanish Speaking Center of New Britain

~Youth For Peace

T.R.Y.B.E.

The Barnaba Institute

True Colors Inc., Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services

Veterans for Peace-Chapter 42

West Hartford Citizens for Peace & Justice

Winsted Area Peace Action

Working Families Party

HOL 8 Peace and Art Festival Schedule *

MC's MIRA & Mind Evolution and David Brown

11:30 Drum Circle for Peace

facilitated by Dennis Cotton

12:00 to 12:15

Opening Ceremony

Welcome by Mayor Perez (tentative)

Tribute to Miriam Bergamini and Jack Lucas

12:15 to 12:50 Positivity

innovative & creative Hip Hop

12:50 to 1:05 Mira and Mind Evolution ~ poetry

1:05 to 1:45 Intermission

Storytelling by Emily Chasse ~ Kids Activity Area

1:45 to 2:25 Lara Herscovitch

2:30 to 3:00 Dahr Jamail

Intro by Veteran for Peace Dave Ianno

3:00 to 3:45 Intermission Dahr Jamail Q & A

3:45 to 4:10 Henry Lowendorf ~ No Nukes No War

Judy Friedman ~ People's Action for Clean Environment

Victoria Christgau, CT Center For Nonviolence -

A Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute

4:10 to 4:50 Cold Sweat ~ Rock 'n Roll

4:50 to 5:00 Closing Song

Hope Out Loud led by

David Brown

Wage Peace Drum Circle ~

Facilitated by Hannah's Field

Hope Out Loud Coffeehouse and Open Mike

Hosted by Fortune's Gale

* open spots for music and spoken word available

1:00-1:45

Adam Kropotkin

Bonnie Lee

Panda

Jill Friedman

Fortune's Gale

3:00 - 3:45

Cucabur

Sally Jo Bordon

Brian Walsh

HannaH's Field

Previous Year's Festival Program Hope Out Loud 8



~ Kid's Activity ~

Face Painting by Skates the Clown and Elena of Paloma Face Painting.

Bubbles. Peace Poles. Peace Doves.

1:00 - 1:45 Storytelling by Emily Chasse

3:00 - 3:45 Activity on Nonviolence

facilitated by Luci Lebrone



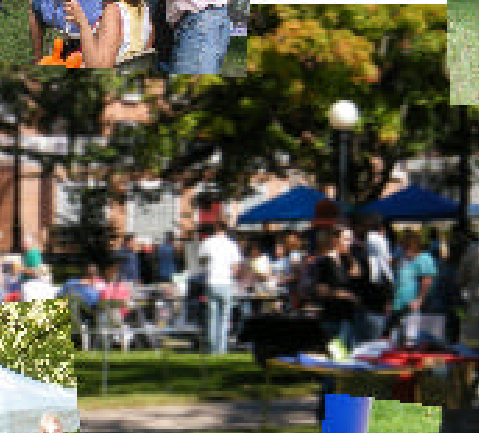
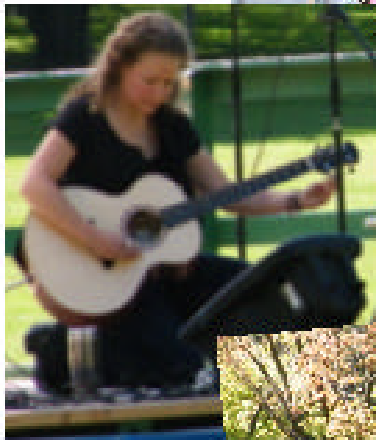
"Be the change you want to see in the world."

Gandhi

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."

Jimi Hendrix

Be Part of Hope Out Loud 9



you gotta HOPE OUT LOUD a peaceful world is possible!