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Mayor

MAYORS FOR PEACE: ART BEYOND BORDERS INTERNATIONAL EXHIBIT MAKES STOP IN HARTFORD

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What: Hartford Hosts Traveling Exhibit
Where: Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Downtown Hartford
When: Opens Friday, December 17 at 3:30 p.m.
Who: Mayor Pedro Segarra and Matt Poland, CEO of the HPL

On June 24, 1982, at UN Headquarters in New York, then Mayor Takeshi Araki of Hiroshima proposed the Mayors for Peace program. As of May 1, 2010, membership stood at 4,144 cities in 144 countries and regions with 164 cities in the United States.

The City of Hartford joins 19 cities to host “*Mayors for Peace, Art Beyond Borders*” at the Hartford Public Library from December 17th through December 27th.

Similar to the passing of the Olympic Torch, each of the selected Mayors for Peace Cities host the exhibit for several days before going to the next, until it reaches the United Nations for display in March 2011. Hartford is the last stop before the UN exhibit.



Art Beyond Borders is a project of TIMOTCA – (The International Museum Of Twenty-first Century Arts) - a 501 (c) (3) Nonprofit, Educational and Charitable Corporation founded in 1980. TIMOTCA’s Mission is to foster peace through the universal language of art and to establish the world’s first global cultural center offering an unprecedented opportunity to explore the visual and performing arts of *all* countries of the world. www.timotca.org.

Representing a broad spectrum of cultural, political and philosophical diversity, to date, more than 65 countries from Albania to Zimbabwe have accepted TIMOTCA’s invitation to participate. Each country’s official cultural authority, in collaboration with TIMOTCA representative, nominates 6 to 10 of their most celebrated living artists, one of whom is selected to represent each country in TIMOTCA and ***Art Beyond Borders***. Ultimately 300 countries, territories, island groups and cultures will be represented.

Art Beyond Borders, featuring the original painting of the selected TIMOTCA artists, premiered at United Nations Headquarters in New York under the sponsorship of UNESCO and has been exhibited at UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, World Expo, Lisbon and the Las Vegas Art Museum.

The exhibition introduces the viewer to art and cultures from the far corners of the earth. ***Art Beyond Borders*** is meant to open universally connect people through the spirit of the arts. Thanks to the unique “banner” presentation, and a multi-faceted curriculum created by Teachers Discovery, ***Art Beyond Borders*** is able to be seen by thousands of students in schools and libraries across America.

“I invite people to visit this exhibit which only enhances the Arts and Heritage Mecca we call Hartford. This is an extension of the wonderful and vibrant winter festivities we have to offer, including ice skating in Bushnell Park, that will lead up to First Night. It also showcases the diversity and culture represented here in Hartford,” said Mayor Pedro Segarra.

“Today’s library is more than about checking out books. Today’s library is an innovative mix of accessible and enriching resources that empower and inspire individuals, drive literacy and fuel cultural development. This exhibit fits right in with our commitment to the people of our community,” said Matt Poland, CEO of the Hartford Public Library.

For more information: www.artbeyondbordersexhibit.com or www.timotca.org.