

Pick up the Beat!

Rhythms of Peace

Think Globally – Listen Locally

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9/11 Memorial Family-Friendly Jazz and Gospel Concert to Benefit Youth Programs

Rhythms of Peace, in association with Payson Park Church, Belmont, presents “A Family Sing-Along, Jazz and Gospel Showcase” concert to benefit the City Mission Society of Boston. The program takes place Saturday September 9th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Payson Park Church Hall, at 365 Belmont St, Belmont MA, 02478. Again urging audiences to *think globally and listen locally* on this fifth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, Rhythms of Peace invites the community to join in singing well-known, traditional songs, and enjoy a program of Jazz and Gospel music presented by prominent Boston-based performers.

The evening opens with a set by Willie Sordillo, saxophone, whose trio performs at the Thursday night weekly Jazz Service at Copley Square’s Old South Church. Willie brings his unique style, blending the spiritual with the cool in his accompaniment to services at one of Boston’s most venerable of venues. His accompanist is Carolyn Wilkins, a faculty member at Berklee College of Music in Boston, who leads the Sunday Jazz at 5:30 program at First Church Congregational in Cambridge.

This will be followed by accordionist Warren Johnson, well known from Boston to Brisbane for his wide-ranging, popular repertoire and for his dedicated service to humanity. Mr. Johnson will lead a sing-along of tunes that many adults learned from their parents, providing an opportunity to pass the simple joys of music-making to another generation, while giving voice to fellowship through uplifting song.

Following intermission, the Rhythms of Peace Gospel Ensemble will present a set of traditional gospel selections. Members of the ensemble perform regularly as part of the rich cultural fabric of Boston’s urban community.

Paul White, the evening’s featured performer, concludes the evening showcasing his versatility in Classical, R&B, Gospel, Blues, Jazz and Hip-Hop styles. His list of outstanding accomplishments includes appearances nationally and internationally both as a soloist and with orchestras. Mr. White has toured with headliners including Billy Preston, Bill Gaither and Nina Simone, among many others.

Donations may be made in advance or at the door (suggested as \$20 family, \$10 adult, \$5 under 13). Light snacks and refreshments will be available. Child care will be available in the nursery for babies and toddlers on a first come first served basis.

City Mission Society of Boston

CMS Boston, one of Boston's pre-eminent social justice organizations, promotes peace and justice through service, advocacy and education. They are currently celebrating 190 years of service to the Greater Boston community. As a part of its mission CMS provides crisis prevention services to over 500 individuals and families. More info is available at www.CMSBoston.org.

Proceeds from this concert benefit programs to end youth violence, hunger and discrimination.

Rhythms of Peace Concerts

Rhythms of Peace is a group of world musicians working for humanity. This is their third annual 9/11 Memorial world-music benefit concert presented at Payson Park Church. They will also present their second annual Open Community Drum Circle and Percussion Petting Zoo at the Boston Children's Museum on Friday evening, Sept. 8th, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. All are welcome. More info on that event at www.BostonKids.org.

Donations from their previous concerts at Payson Park Church have benefited refugees in the Sudan, tsunami victims in the Bay of Bengal, programs at CMS Boston, and PPC's music ministry. All performers donate their services for the benefit of humanity.

See www.RPeace.org for more information on Rhythms of Peace artists and their programs.

Payson Park Church

The Mission and Outreach Committee of Payson Park Church, Rev. Lael Atkinson Minister, supports local hunger programs both in the greater Boston area and for a wider ministry, including the City Mission Society of Boston, Bristol Lodge, the Heifer Project, and Project H.O.M.E. among others.

Payson Park Church Hall is handicap accessible, on the Waverly T, and offers ample on-street parking. See www.paysonpark.org for more information

You can support this effort to fight youth hunger, violence and discrimination by sending your tax-deductible contribution in any amount by mail today to Payson Park Church, 365 Belmont Street, Belmont MA 02478, payable to "Payson Park Church 9/11 Benefit". Call the church office during the day at 617 484-1542 for more information.