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World Peace Day event set for Capitol



Advocate file photo -- Candles will be lit for peace during World Peace Day in Louisiana ceremonies Saturday in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol.

Advocate staff report

World Peace Day in Louisiana will be celebrated with an opening ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol.

The Louisiana World Peace Day Committee in partnership with the Legislative Youth Advisory Council is staging the event. It includes speakers and student presentations, and features an encore presentation of "Waging Peace."

"Waging Peace" is an original choral work by Robert Kyr. It will be performed by an interfaith community choir, narrators and an instrumental ensemble.

The Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge and KRY engaged the Baton Rouge community in a dialogue about peace in the fall of 2012. Grief over violence in the city's streets and a vision for peace was named. The words from these dialogues serve as first-person testimony for the narrative and lyrics for "Waging Peace."

The event will also include a performance by the SGI-New Orleans Jazz Taiko drummers and student speakers.

An exhibit of student art, essays and other expressions of peace from around the state will be on display in Memorial Hall at the Capitol throughout October.

On Oct. 1, 1998, the Institute of All Nations adopted a resolution to set Oct. 1 as World Peace Day. In Louisiana, the Legislature and governor have recognized the observance.

Louisiana's World Peace Day Committee and other volunteers have worked together to plan and hold the events recognizing World Peace Day in an effort to eliminate violence and promote peace.

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