TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING

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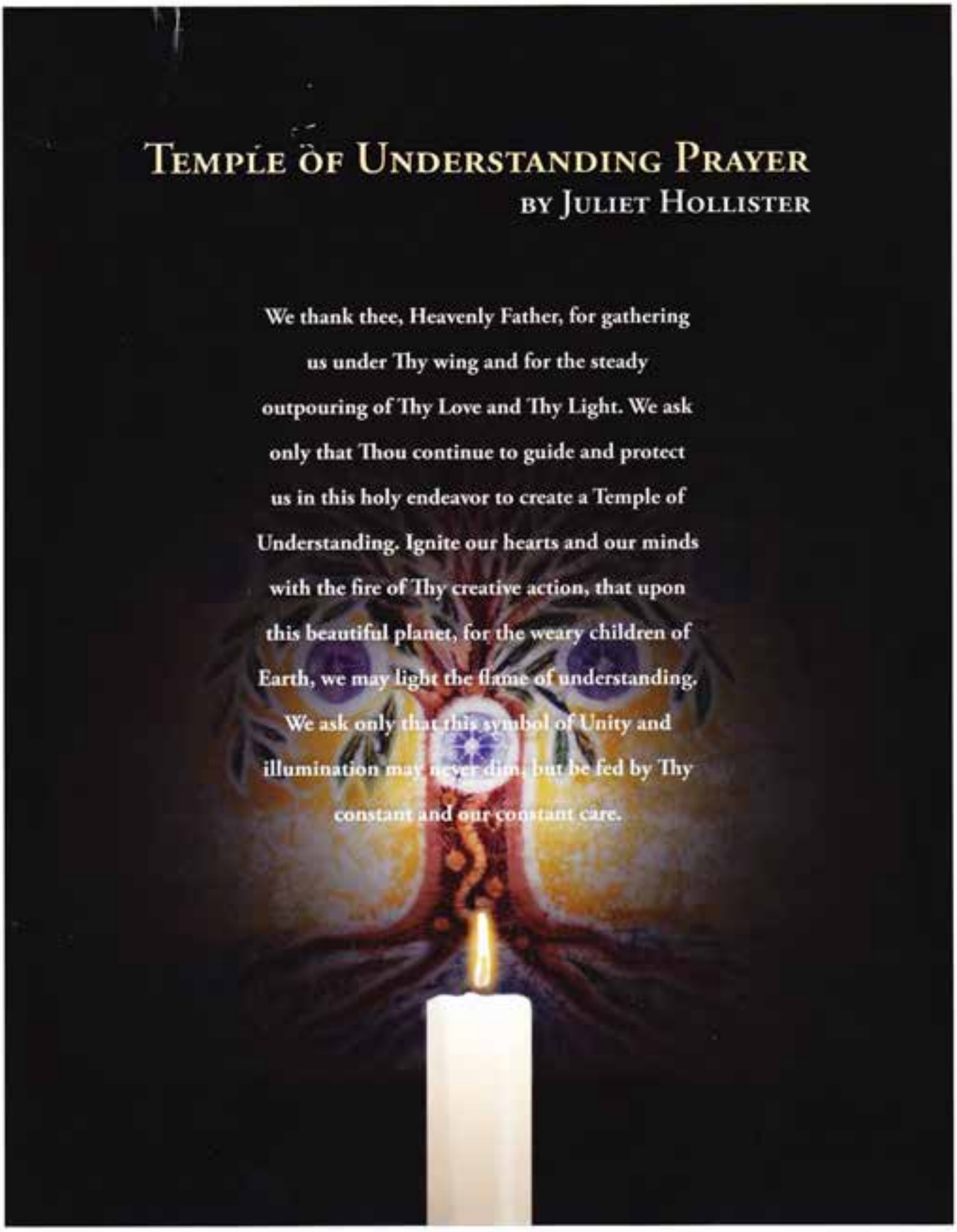
JULIET HOLLISTER AWARDS CEREMONY

Fifty-two years advancing interfaith education and cooperation for peace

Temple of Understanding Prayer

by Juliet Hollister



PROGRAM

Temple of Understanding
Juliet Hollister Awards Ceremony 2012

Musical Introduction	Kristin Hoffmann
Welcome Address	John Miller, Co-Chair, Benefit Committee
Welcome and Introduction to the Abrahamic Traditions Program	Alison Van Dyk, Chair of the Board and Executive Director
Evening Agenda	Nadia Bilchik, Master of Ceremonies

AWARD PRESENTATIONS AND PERFORMANCES

May Rihani	Introduced by Dr. Suheil Bushrui
Dance Interlude	Dance Theatre of Harlem

— Dinner —

Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp	Introduced by Majora Carter
Musical Interlude	Bella Gaia
New York University's Center for Spiritual Life	Introduced by Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook
Jeanne Parr Founding Friends Recognition	Introduced by Nadia Bilchik Accepted by Michael Noth
Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.	Introduced by Naomi Tutu
Dance Interlude	Dance Theatre of Harlem
Thank you	Nadia Bilchik
Closing Remarks	Chris Wang, Co-Chair, Benefit Committee

TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING

MISSION

The mission of the Temple of Understanding is to achieve peaceful coexistence among individuals, communities and societies through interfaith education. Our innovative programs emphasize experiential learning and dialogue as a means of connecting youth and adults across a spectrum of religious and cross-cultural communities, to promote justice, sustainable development, gender equity and advocate for religious pluralism by the world's governing bodies.

GOALS

- To develop an appreciation of religious and cultural diversity
- To educate for global citizenship and sustainability
- To expand public discourse on faith and ecology
- To create just and peaceful communities

HISTORY

The TOU is a global interfaith organization, founded in 1960 by a pioneering visionary, Juliet Hollister, with the initial support of Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt referred to the need for the Temple of Understanding to be an inspiration for a spiritual United Nations. Our distinguished group of "Founding Friends" also included Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, H.H. Pope John XXIII, Sir Zafrulla Khan, H.H. the XIVth Dalai Lama, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, and Anwar al-Sadat, among others.

In its early years, the TOU brought together religious and spiritual leaders of diverse traditions to educate each other and promote international peaceful cooperation. The Temple of Understanding is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and non-governmental organization (NGO) in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. For many years, TOU Representatives have had a strong presence at the UN by heading committees, organizing workshops, and hosting major events, including the UN's 50th Anniversary Celebration in New York City.

THE JULIET HOLLISTER AWARDS

The Juliet Hollister Awards were created in 1996, in support and affirmation of individuals whose life work has advanced an interfaith ideal. Named in honor of our founder's achievements, the Awards are granted to: religious figures who integrate interfaith values into their place of worship where their adherents congregate; and secular figures who promote greater understanding of spiritual values in areas such as the arts, education, media, government, science, law and ecology.

Past awardees include, in chronological order: Her Majesty Queen Noor, the Very Rev. James Parks Morton, Sri Swami Satchidananda, Maestro Ravi Shankar, Henry Luce III, Mary Robinson, His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, Dr. Wangari Maathai, Peter Max, Dr. Thomas Berry, Dr. Coleman Barks, Dr. Suheil Badi Bushrui, Cokie and Steven Roberts, Dr. Hans Kung, Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan, Rev. Suzan Johnson Cook, Fr. Thomas Keating, Dr. Karan Singh, Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Venerable Dr. Yifa, Daniel Pearl (accepted by Dr. Judea Pearl), Bhai Sahib Dr. Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia, Majora Carter, Russell Simmon, His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal, Ecumenical Patriarch His All Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, and Karen Armstrong.

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JULIET HOLLISTER 2012 HONOREES

Chelsea Clinton
Chelsea Clinton was born in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1980, and has lived in Washington, Palo Alto, Oxford, New York and London. She holds a B.A. from Stanford, a MPhil from Oxford and a MPH from Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health.

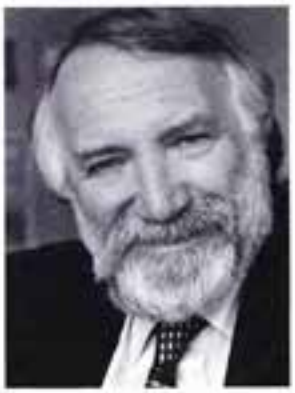
Chelsea has worked in the private sector at McKinsey & Company and Avenue Capital. Currently, Chelsea works at New York University, with the Clinton Foundation and the Clinton Global Initiative and is pursuing a doctorate at Oxford. Her recent professional and academic work, including her recent academic publications, have focused on how to improve access to relatively low-cost, high-quality health care services around the world, as well as questions related to what higher education should look and feel like in a global world. In her advocacy work, Chelsea has focused on questions of empowerment and equal rights, including areas related to health and the arts, particularly on those that concern children.

Chelsea currently serves on the boards of the Clinton Foundation, the School of American Ballet, Common Sense Media and the Weill Cornell Medical College. Chelsea lives with her husband Marc Mezvinsky and their dog Soren in New York City.

Khalid Latif
Imam Khalid Latif (OM Leadership Team) is a University Chaplain for NYU, Executive Director of the Islamic Center at NYU, and a Chaplain for the NYPD. He was appointed the first Muslim chaplain at NYU in 2005. Under his leadership, the Islamic Center at NYU became the first established Muslim student center at an institution of higher education in the United States. In 2007, Imam Latif became the youngest chaplain in the history of the NYC Police Department at the age of 24. Imam Latif has been featured in numerous media outlets including the Huffington Post, BBC, NPR, CNN, the New York Times, New York Magazine, The Colbert Report, and Time. Imam Latif has been named a Global Interfaith Visionary by the Temple of Understanding (2010), one of 100 NYC Luminaries by the NY Public Library (2011), one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world by Georgetown University's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding and The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (2009 & 2010), a Millennial Leader for Social Justice by Auburn Seminary (2011), and he was recently featured in the Christian Science Monitor's "30 under 30" list (2012).

JULIET HOLLISTER 2012 HONOREES (CONT'D.)

Rabbi Sarna
Rabbi Yehuda Sarna (OM Leadership Team) serves as University Chaplain and Rabbi at the Edgar M. Bronfman Center for Jewish Student Life at NYU. Rabbi Sarna founded the Jewish Learning Fellowship at NYU, a "school-within-a-school," offering intensive ten-week courses of exploration in Jewish thought. With nearly 1000 alumni since 2007, the Fellowship now serves as a national educational model for Jewish campus groups. Rabbi Sarna was awarded the Richard M. Joel Exemplar of Excellence from Hillel International in 2008. He was listed as one of "36 under 36 Changemakers" by the New York Jewish Week (2009), received the Hallmark Award from the NYU Division of Student Affairs (2010). He is the editor of The Koren Shabbat Evening Siddur (2011) and Orthodox Forum Series: Toward a Jewish Perspective on Culture (forthcoming).



Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp
Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp is an award winning lecturer, writer, environmental activist and champion of civil society who is active in a wide variety of progressive, humanitarian, and interfaith initiatives. Born in 1943 in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Rabbi Soetendorp was saved by a righteous couple and survived as a 'hidden child.' He received his ordination from Leo Baeck College of London in 1967 and was instrumental in the reestablishment of Jewish communities in the Netherlands.

Rabbi Soetendorp was extremely active in the movement to free Soviet Jewry, serving as the Dutch chair of the Solidarity Committee for Jews in the Soviet Union.

He is the Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation Beth Jehuda in The Hague and former President of the European region of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Rabbi Soetendorp is a founding member of Green Cross International, the Islam and the West dialogue group of the World Economic Forum, and the Day of Respect Foundation. He has established the Jacob Soetendorp Institute for Human Values that helps to build bridges between the cultures, spiritual traditions, and generations.

Rabbi Soetendorp and his wife Sira, who is a child survivor and social worker, are blessed with two daughters and six grandchildren.

JULIET HOLLISTER 2012 HONOREES (CONT'D.)

May Rihani
May Rihani served as Senior Vice President at AED, FHI360, and Creative Associates where she designed and managed gender and girls' education projects in Afghanistan, Benin, Congo, Egypt, Ghana, Guinea, Jordan, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Ms. Rihani's extensive work in girls' education includes policy assessments, innovative design, and systems' analysis. Ms. Rihani is a leading voice on the relationship between girls' education, reproductive health, and economic productivity.

Her expertise in education and gender programming attracted the attention of donor organizations that sought her input to support their missions. In just a few years, she expanded the donor base of AED's Center on Gender beyond traditional donors -- such as USAID and the World Bank – to include DFID, UNICEF, UNFPA, GE Foundation, Johnson and Johnson Foundation, Kenora Foundation, Exxon Mobil, and others.

One of Ms. Rihani's major research projects is entitled, "Learning for the 21st Century: Girls' Education in the Middle East and North Africa." Her most recent publication is, "Keeping the Promise: Five Benefits of Girls' Secondary Education."

Due to her global experience, Ms. Rihani was elected Co-Chair of the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative from 2008 to 2010.

Founding Friends Circle Inductee
JEANNE PARR

Born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin, Jeanne Parr is a graduate of UCLA. In 1946 she married Navy pilot, Charles James Noth, and together they had three children—Charles, Michael and Christopher—before his death in 1966.

In 1959 she was discovered by a news producer and hired to work as a weekend weather girl for Channel 8, New Haven, CT.

She later moved to CBS 2 where her natural inquisitiveness and good looks led to increasingly challenging assignments and a successful on-camera career reporting on political and social issues in New York and overseas. Assignments included the 1964 Chicago Democratic National Convention and the 1967 Newark riots. In the mid-1960's she traveled to the Soviet Union, with her three sons, on a research assignment.

In the mid-1970's, Ms. Parr hosted the late-night talk show, the Jeannie Parr Show, which ran for several seasons.

Avon Publishers issued her book in 1977, *The Superwives*, which explored the experiences of 29 women married to famous sports figures. She is a founding member of the Wise Woman Group and the founder of a communications consulting business.

Interfaith Visionary Lifetime Achievement Award

THE REV. DR. JAMES ALEXANDER FORBES, JR.

The Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus of The Riverside Church is founder and president of the Healing of the Nations Foundation and is the Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary. Forbes, who was installed as the fifth senior minister of Riverside Church on June 1, 1989, and retired on June 1, 2007, was the first African-American to serve as minister of this multicultural congregation. He is an ordained minister in the American Baptist Church. Before being called to Riverside's pulpit, Dr. Forbes served from 1976-1985 as the Brown and Sockman Associate Professor of Preaching at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. From 1985-1989, he was Union's first Joe R. Engle Professor of Preaching. Union named him the first Harry Emerson Fosdick Adjunct Professor of Preaching in 1989, when he accepted the pastorate at Riverside. Dr. Forbes has served on the Core Teaching Staff at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York. In national and international religious circles, Dr. Forbes is known as the preacher's preacher because of his extensive preaching career and his charismatic style. In its March 4, 1996 issue Newsweek magazine recognized Forbes as one of the 12 "most effective preachers" in the English-speaking world. This pastor, educator, administrator, community activist and interfaith leader was twice designated as one of America's greatest Black preachers by Ebony magazine. Dr. Forbes has earned three degrees and has been awarded 14 honorary degrees. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY; a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City, NY; and a bachelor of science in chemistry from Howard University in Washington, DC. He earned his clinical pastoral education certificate from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, VA.

MASTER OF CEREMONY

NADIA BILCHIK

Nadia Bilchik, President of Greater Impact Communication, is an internationally renowned television personality, media and communication expert, author and keynote speaker. Nadia currently reports for CNN's Weekend Morning Show. She has anchored and hosted feature programs for CNN International, CNN Airport Network and MNet Television (South Africa)

Her uniquely warm, dynamic and entertaining approach to performing as emcee at events, comes from extensive experience in coaching business professionals, delivering keynote addresses and training workshops to a broad range of audiences in the USA and globally, as well as interviewing high-profile figures, celebrities and corporate leaders. They include President Nelson Mandela, Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Anthony Hopkins, Morgan Freeman, Matt Damon, and George Clooney amongst others.

Nadia's clients include: ESPN; Saks; Starbucks; Turner Broadcasting, Cartoon Network; The Coca-Cola Company; Home Depot Corporation; Accenture; Kaiser Permanente; Georgia Tech; Commercial Real Estate Women's "CREW", affiliates nationally; Prudential Georgia Realty; Arnall Golden Gregory; Equifax, The Women's Food Service Forum and ERC Worldwide Organization – Corporate Relocation Specialists.

A sought after emcee and moderator, Nadia has hosted events for Coca - Cola NA, WIT Connect for the Technology Association of Georgia, Captain Planet Foundation, and Imerys USA amongst others . She has opened the SOS Children's Villages in South Africa with President Nelson Mandela and hosted the launch event for the Georgia Restaurant Association with guest speaker Ted Turner.

Nadia received a Licentiate in Speech and Drama from Trinity College, London, and a degree in Drama and English from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. She was awarded the Community Award for Meaningful Broadcasting in 1995 (South Africa), and has been profiled in *Atlanta Business Chronicle; Piedmont Review; Atlanta Life/Times, Fair Lady* and *The Sunday Times (South Africa)*.

PRESENTERS

Dr. Suheil Badu Bushrui
A recipient of the Juliet Hollister Award, and an Honorary Committee Co-Chair for the Temple of Understanding, Professor Suheil Bushrui is a distinguished author, poet, critic, translator, recipient of many international awards, and particularly revered as an authority on the works of W.B. Yeats and Kahlil Gibran.

A university professor for the last 57 years, Bushrui has taught at universities in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, and North America. From 1982-1987 Professor Bushrui served as Senior Cultural Advisor to the President of Lebanon, His Excellency Amine Gemayel. Currently, Bushrui is the Professor and Director of the George and Lisa Zakhem Kahlil Gibran Chair for Values and Peace at the University of Maryland, where he is also a Senior Scholar of Peace with the Center for International Development and Conflict Management.

A Fellow of the Temenos Academy, Professor Bushrui's publications are extensive in both English and Arabic. His most recent works include *The Spiritual Heritage of the Human Race* (2010), and its translation into Arabic under the title *Turathuna al-Ruhi: Min Bedayat al-Tarikh ila al-Adyan al-Mu'aserah* (2011). In 2006, Professor Bushrui and David Cadman edited the *Selected Speeches and Articles of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales*, which was then translated into Arabic under the title *Sahib al Samou al Malaki Al-Amir Charles Yatahaddath* (2010).

Majora Carter
She's probably the only person to receive an award from John Podesta's Center for American Progress, AND a Liberty Medal for Lifetime Achievement from Rupert Murdoch's *New York Post*. *Fast Company Magazine* named her one of the 100 Most Creative People in Business, *The NY Times* described her as "The Green Power Broker", and the Ashoka Foundation's Changemakers.org recently dubbed Majora Carter, "The Prophet of Local."

Majora hosts the Peabody Award winning public-radio series *The Promised Land*, and serves on the boards of the US Green Building Council and The Wilderness Society.

She has a long list of awards and honorary degrees, including a MacArthur "genius" Fellowship.

She founded and led Sustainable South Bronx, from 2001 to 2008 — when few were talking about "sustainability", and even fewer, in places like The South Bronx.

By 2003, Majora coined the term "Green The Ghetto" as she pioneered one of the nation's first urban green-collar job training and placement systems, and spearheaded legislation that fueled demand for those jobs. Majora's 2006 TEDtalk was one of 6 presentations to launch that groundbreaking website.

Since 2008, her consulting company has exported Climate Adaptation, Urban Micro-Agri Business, and Leadership Development strategies for Business, Government, Foundations, Universities, and economically under-performing Communities.

PRESENTERS (CONT'D.)

Suzan Johnson Cook
Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, U.S Dept. of State

Appointed in 2011 to Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom by President Obama, Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook is the principal adviser to both the President of the United States and Secretary of State and the first African American and the first female to hold this position.

Prior to joining the Department of State, she served as the senior pastor and CEO of the Bronx Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in New York City from 1996-2010. She has had three Presidential appointments, two Cabinet Secretary Appointments and a United States Senate Confirmation. Amb. Johnson Cook held the position of Chaplain to the New York City Police Department for twenty-one years, the only woman to serve in that role; she was on the front lines of 9/11. For three decades she served as senior pastor to three New York City congregations, as a professor at New York Theological Seminary from 1988-1996, and as an Associate Dean and Professor at Harvard Divinity School for 1990-1992.

Amb. Johnson Cook is the recipient of several awards including the Juliet Hollister Award and has also authored ten books. She is a graduate of Emerson College ('76, BA), Columbia University Teachers College ('78, MA), Union Theological Seminary ('83, MDiv) and United Theological Seminary (1990, Ph.d. Ministry).

Naomi Tutu
The challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa have been the foundation of Nontombi Naomi Tutu's life as an activist for human rights. The third child of Archbishop Desmond and Nomalizo Leah Tutu, Ms. Tutu received her formal education in Swaziland, the US and England. Today, she divides her life between South Africa and the US.

Her professional experiences include development consulting and coordinating, programs on race and gender and gender-based violence in education. Having also taught at the university-level, Ms. Tutu serviced as Program Coordinator for the historic Race Relations Institute at Fisk University—attending the World Conference Against Racism in Durban as a member of the Institute's delegation.

In addition to speaking and preaching nationally, she is the founder of Nozizwe Consulting, whose guiding principle is to bring cross-cultural groups together to learn from and celebrate differences and acknowledge their shared humanity. As part of this work, she has led Truth and Reconciliation Workshops on different types of conflict. She also conducts educational and partnership trips to South Africa.

Ms Tutu is pursuing a Masters in Divinity and is the single mother of two daughters and a son.

PERFORMERS

BELLA GAIA

Inspired by astronauts who spoke of the life changing power of seeing the Earth from space, award winning filmmaker, composer, and violinist Kenji Williams created BELLA GAIA to simulate this transformative effect called the "Overview Effect." Working closely with NASA's scientific visualization studio, BELLA GAIA successfully simulates space flight, taking the audience on a spectacular journey around planet Earth. With live music, performance art, large-scale projected NASA scientific visualizations and cutting-edge technology, BELLA GAIA showcases a thought-provoking stream of crucial scientific data regarding our imperiled eco-systems while also celebrating the amazing cultural heritage of humanity. BELLA GAIA tells the story of the Living Universe, exploring both human and natural expressions of the Living Universe through dance, data visualizations, and music, and explores humanity's ultimate challenge as we enter a new epoch called the Anthropocene; where humans become the driving force of environmental change on planet Earth.

DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM

Dance Theatre of Harlem uses the art form of classical ballet to change people's lives. Through performances by our internationally acclaimed Company, training in our world-class school, and experiences in our multi-faceted arts education program, Dance Theatre of Harlem has made a difference in the world for 43 years. As 1969 saw the birth of the Dance Theatre of Harlem, 2012 sees the exciting re-launch of the Dance Theatre of Harlem Company. Through their vision, founders Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook created the uniquely beautiful multiracial company that captivated the world with its diversity and dynamic performances. Now under the leadership of a second generation of artists inspired by Arthur Mitchell's vision—founding member and former prima ballerina Virginia Johnson is now Artistic Director and Laveen Naidu, a choreographer and the former school director, is the Executive Director—Dance Theatre of Harlem remains committed to the excellence that has sustained us over the years and dedicated to reaching new audiences, building community, strengthening and uplifting through the transformative power of art.

PERFORMERS (CONT'D.)

KRISTIN HOFFMANN

Kristin Hoffmann is a singer/songwriter based in New York City. She studied classical piano, opera and guitar at Juilliard and has performed all over New York, while also touring with the Wallflowers, Brandi Carlile, Feist, Richie Havens and Ben Lee, among others. She has performed at the Sundance Film Festival and her warm, melodious, haunting songs have been featured on several recent television shows. She is a musical spokesperson for ocean awareness and conservation, with her "Song for the Ocean," and has also written over 170 songs for health-challenged children through the non-profit organization, Songs of Love. She is currently working with the dance group PURE, whose empowering piece Beauty Reimagined is set to her music. In addition to her four CDs, *Spring Comes, Divided Heart, Real* and *The Waking*, Kristin has also released a CD of healing music, *SOL–AUM (Songs of Light)*. She is the featured singer for Bella Gaia.

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Dr. Karan Singh, International Chairman and Chair of the India Chapter
The Temple of Understanding India Chapters were founded in 1968 and consists of eight chapters located in cities all over India. The Temple of Understanding Chapters in India are dedicated to interfaith dialogue and education. The chapters convene conferences, publish papers and act independently, although in partnership with the Temple of Understanding.

Australia
Rev. Helen Summers, Founding Director
The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne recognises and celebrates the unity that is found in our diversity, that is, the unity of human values which are found at the ethical core of each faith; values such as: peace, love, non-violence, right action, truth, and respect for the human family. We also recognise the differences between faiths, and the sensitivity and skill required to bring about successful interfaith encounters and dialogue.

TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING PROGRAMS

The Temple of Understanding's leadership in interfaith education spans more than 50 years. TOU programs address the new challenges of an interconnected, global society, by advancing an innovative model of interfaith education. Our programs utilize the rich diversity within the New York City tri-state community to educate and create awareness of religious issues, traditions and perspectives with the purpose of breaking down prejudicial boundaries.

Using an experiential approach, TOU's work goes beyond a static "lecture hall" model to include site visits, service learning, and immersion experiences in many traditions and cultures. TOU's youth programs integrate religious literacy with cross-cultural understanding, conflict resolution and leadership training. The TOU's adult offerings include panel events held in partnership with other NGO's, and UN Agencies focusing on climate change and sustainable development and the important role of the interfaith community as an agent for positive change.

UN PROGRAMS

TOU representatives follow UN meetings and commissions through the year. They attend DPI Weekly Briefings, Planning Committee for DPI Conferences, World Interfaith Harmony Week, as well as the Commissions sponsored by UN Agencies, e.g. the Status of Women, Sustainable Development, Population and Development, Human Rights, and the Indigenous Peoples Forum, among many other meetings. Representatives organize Side Events during major conferences and submit consultative papers as required by their ECOSOC status.

Interfaith Consortium for Ecological Civilization (ICEC)

As a consortium of religious and secular organizations dedicated to ecological civilization, ICEC's organizing partners are the Temple of Understanding, GreenFaith, the Forum of Religion and Ecology at Yale University, and the International Communities for the Renewal of the Earth, in consultation with the New York office of the United Nations Environmental Program. The mission of ICEC is to facilitate a dialogue among the various sectors of society on ecological civilization, gather wisdom from this dialogue that will inspire and guide individuals and social transformations, and lead in the transition to an ecological civilization.

Science, Ecology and Faith Series

Hosted by ICEC, a series of speaker or panel events will be held monthly in partnership with other NGO's and UN Agencies focusing on climate change and sustainable development and the important role of the interfaith community as a catalyst for change.

UN Summer Intensive Internship Program

This intensive six week summer immersion program at the UN is facilitated by trained educators, NGO representatives and distinguished guests. Students, ages 16 to 21, have access to General Assembly and Security Council meetings, interviews with UN Agency staff and engage in peer dialogues on global issues. They are required to research and present a report on a chosen issue related to the Millennium Development Goals.

TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING PROGRAMS (CONT'D.)

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Cultural Understanding and the Abrahamic Traditions Project (CUATP)
This new multi-part videotaped series, entitled Children of Abraham: A Cultural Mosaic, explores the influence and impact of the Abrahamic Traditions on all aspects of modern Western culture to create greater awareness and acceptance across all ethnicities and traditions. Each 30 minute program will take participants on a vivid journey of the innovations of the Diaspora, celebrate the shared cultural heritage and influence of the traditions, and transform the viewer's understanding about the communities affiliated with the patriarch Abraham—Islam, Judaism and Christianity. Coming in the Spring of 2013, CUATP Food and CUATP Architecture.

Biennial Film Screenings
In co-sponsorship with Hartley Film Foundation, screenings of films on religion, culture, ecology and spirituality are offered to the public. Upcoming events include a screening of Outside the Box, on November 28, at Auburn Theological Seminary - Stewart Room.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Interfaith Dialogue, Education and Action (IDEA)
IDEA focuses on the development of leadership skills, individual responsibility and creativity to bring youth driven community projects to fruition. The mission of IDEA is to empower and educate youth (ages 14 to 19) from different cultural backgrounds to build leadership and critical thinking skills, create strong bonds of friendship and support ongoing learning opportunities among young people. Currently the IDEA program is in Susan Wagner High School, and Port Richmond High School both located on Staten Island, NY. In the 2012-2013 school year the program will continue to be offered in these schools along with new Staten Island area high schools.

The Gandhi, King, Chavez Season for Nonviolence at the United Nations
Part of an international 64-day educational campaign, this UN event brings more than 500 junior high and high school students from the tri-state area together to learn more about these three leaders of nonviolence. Educators are given suggestions for classroom learning that can be used throughout the year, and which is aimed at inspiring students to make their local and global communities more peaceful.

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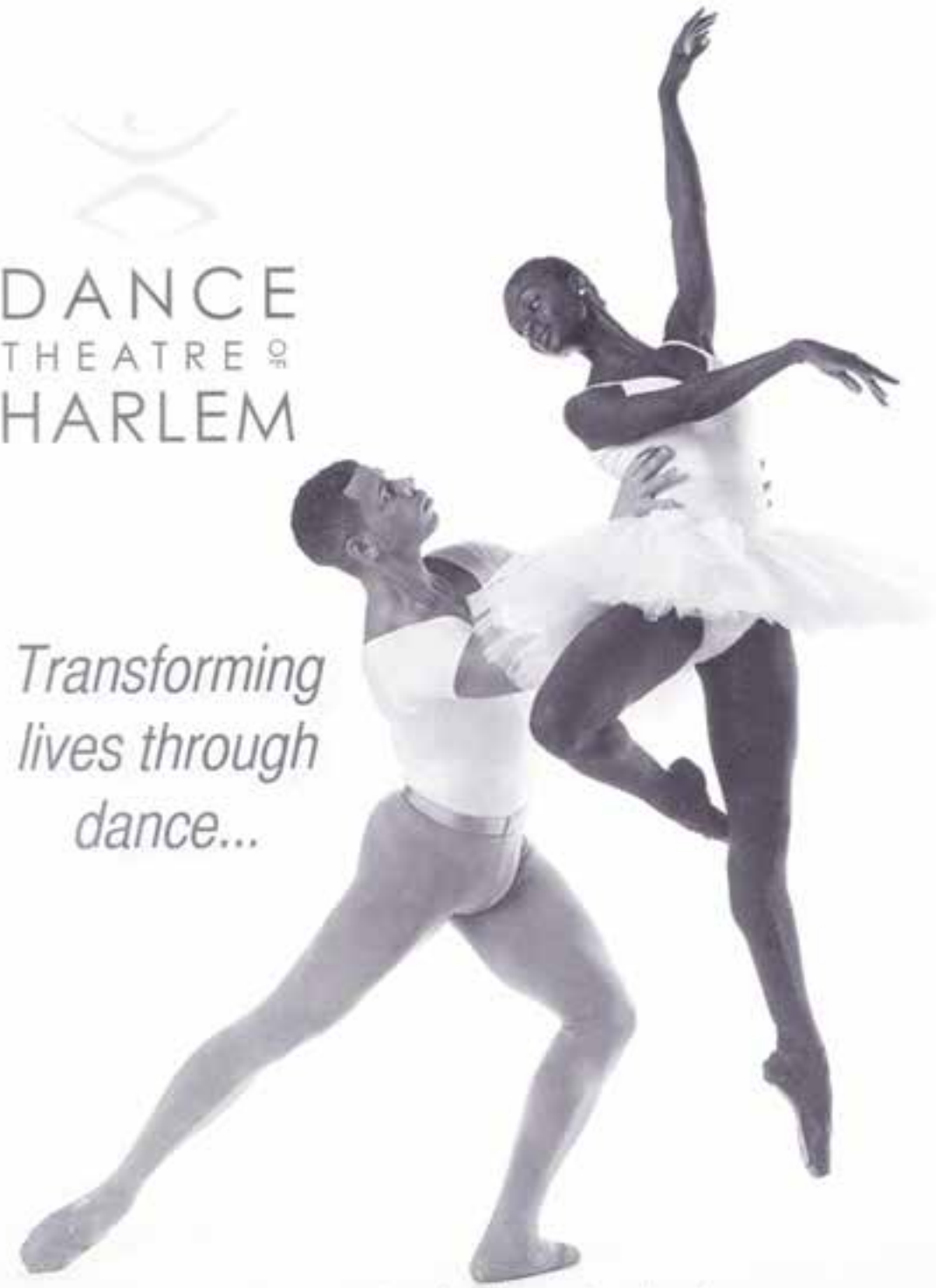

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