



**A MUSICAL PLAY ABOUT
YOUNG PEOPLE TRANSFORMING
WASHINGTON, D.C. INTO A
"CITY AT PEACE"**

First Baptist Church of the City of Washington, D.C.
Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 3:00 p.m.

Written by
Carlo Grossman
and the
"City at Peace" Cast

Directed by
Carlo Grossman

Music & Lyrics by
David Gordon and Rickey Payton

Musical Direction by
Rickey Payton

Choreographed by
Adrain Bolton

Produced by
Rosey Simonds

The Peace Child Foundation
proudly presents
CITY AT PEACE

CAST

(in alphabetical order)

Jennifer Albright
Kevin Alexander
Gato Bentley
Sedar Chapelle
Nate Conable
Cicily Daniels
Keith Dean
Erica Doon
Eric Doon

James Doon
Melanie Faconer
Abby Friedman
Violeta Gonzalez
Stephanie Gross
Ndira Harris
Chaka Hill
Stacey Higgins
Tammi Kelly
Dionne Mebane

Asha Pinkney
Sarah Park
Stephanie Schaeffer
Naomi Waletzky
Jeremy Welter
Charles Wilkes
Ricky Williams
Leonard Worley
Nikki Wright

PRODUCTION STAFF

Stage Manager Gato Bentley
Lighting Charlotte Hayes and Richard Hart
Publicity Tom Knox and Robert Townsend
Financial Consultant Robert McIntyre
Program Design & Layout G. SCOTT! DESIGN

ABOUT THE PLAY

Sparked by the shooting of a little girl at a high school, the story follows the lives of two families—one black, one white—dealing with the problem of substance abuse. As they try to overcome their problems, they are brought together by an idea for a student forum on the drugs and violence afflicting the city. The forum inspires the students to mobilize everyone in the community for their cause. Their actions bring them national recognition and the play concludes with a huge rally on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

Opening Scene

Washington, D.C. in the year 2025

Scene 2

Washington High School in the year 1989

Scene 3

A hospital room

Scene 4

The Benson family home

Scene 5

A city street

Scene 6

The James' family home

Scene 7

A student forum at Washington High School

Scene 8

All around Washington, D.C.

Scene 9

The steps of the Lincoln Memorial

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Imagine Washington, D.C., a city of drugs and violence, transformed into a city at peace. Young people can imagine this, and given the opportunity, have much to say about the environment they live in.

"City at Peace" is a pilot project designed to give the youth of Washington a theatrical forum to express their ideas and their vision. It began last year, when a returning American cast member of a *Peace Child* tour to the USSR remarked that it seemed easier to make peace and be friends with a Soviet than people from her own city, even school. It was clear that the conflicts and problems facing our cities needed urgent attention.

The writing of this play is based on interviews, improvisations, written materials by the cast and actual recent events that have occurred in Washington, D.C. While there are a host of issues plaguing this city, we have focused on drugs and violence.

We intend this project to continue, and not only in D.C. We see "City at Peace" as a project that can be adopted by other cities in America. We want to give more youth the opportunity to speak out and contribute. Also, to reward the minority and low income children for their gift of time, talent and commitment to these projects, we plan to establish a scholarship program that will enable us to send some of them on our international programs in the USSR and elsewhere.

Finally, this project is about hope, that human quality that allows us to endure. For no matter what troubles face us, we know they can and will be overcome.

My love and thanks to everyone involved.

Carlo Grossman

THE PEACE CHILD FOUNDATION

Peace Child is a musical fantasy which tells how children bring peace to their world. The Peace Child Foundation has been set up to promote the fantasy and play a part in making it a reality.

They do this through organizing international exchange programs in the performing arts on themes derived from the original *Peace Child* play. This summer there are fourteen programs—eight in the USSR, five in the US, and one each in Central America, Ireland and Japan. Children from many countries will come together in a four week program during which they will look at problems that threaten our world and develop a new script for the *Peace Child* play that incorporates their ideas. Each program tours to three or four different cities where local choruses of children will join in the presentation of the show.

The Peace Child Foundation is a membership organization with several chapters across the USA and national affiliates in thirteen countries. The Foundation encourages local communities throughout the world to produce their own local productions of *Peace Child* using the *Peace Child Study Guide*.

The play was originally written by David Woolcombe, based on *The Peace Book* by Bernard Benson with music by David Gordon. It had its US premiere at the Kennedy Center in 1982. There have been over 1,000 presentations at theaters, schools and churches both in the US and internationally. Some 30,000 children have participated in *Peace Child* presentations and the play has been seen by audiences in excess of 1.5 million people.

Whether dealing with the nuclear/environmental threat, the Arab/Israeli conflict or inner city tensions, *Peace Child* gives hope to both the young performers and the audience, empowering them to take responsibility for their environment and effect change.

For further information and membership details contact: The Peace Child Foundation, 3977 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Telephone: 703.385.4494.

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SONGS FROM "CITY AT PEACE"

PEACE DAY

by David Gordon

Come into my joy
Come into my pain
Come you be a friend of mine,
I'll be the same!

As I go through my years with many
thousand tears

I've never seen my guiding light
The clouds in front of me won't ever
let me see

I've grown so weary of the night

I've tried so many times to read be-
tween the lines
But the words keep turning round
And a thousand fears are ringing in
my ears

And I'm so weary of the sound -

So give me peace enough - peace
enough! Peace enough!

So give me peace enough for peace of
mind

Everything's coming up sunshine!

Come into my joy,
Come into my pain,
Come you be a friend of mine
I'll be the same!

Peace Day, Peace Day, we all say
Happy world, happy day!
Wear a leaf and show the way -
Celebrating this Peace Day.

I WANT TO LIVE

by David Gordon

I want to live, I want to live
The right to live my life
I want to search far and wide
Have the chance to wonder why
I want to learn all the secrets
The world has to give
The chance to see it all
I want to live - I want to live -

I want to live, I want to live
The right to live my life
I want to search far and wide
To know the reasons why-
I want to glide through the air
Like a bird in the sky
I want the chance to show the world
What I am before I die...

I want to - Live.

I HAVE A VISION

by David Gordon

I have a vision, I have a dream
I have the answer, or so it seems

Don't you see the truth
To fight is not right,
We will have our rainbow,
We will have the sunlight!
If we unite.

There's a way to see where no one
gets hurt,
There's a way with love if you try-
There is hope and faith to keep you
alive

In your darkest day, just Pray-!

Reach out with love, gather all your
courage

Reach out with love, greet a brighter
day

Peace as our sword, love as our
weapon

Reach out with love, let us win this
way.

Martin Luther King had a vision.

STOP THE WAR NOW IN D.C.

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Running racing chasing grabbing
Everything you see
Will only get you tied up
In a life of misery

Jumping in and jumping out
Is not what it's all about
Don't be no fool and blow your cool
Before you check it out

Life on the city streets
Watching the police walk his beats
Children are running wild
Rescue the lonely juvenile
Stop the war now in D.C.

Stop the war now
"WHAT??"

Stop the war now
"Are you crazy??"
Stop the war now in D.C.
POLICE!

I'M A PEACE CHILD!

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If I could change the world into a
better place
I would begin with me and then the
human race

I'm a Peace Child
Giving the world a friendly smile
I'm a Peace Child
Let's celebrate - In the USA

For its a day of peace and harmony
The sun is shining just for you and
me

Life would be more appealing
If we stopped the war and the killing
Save this new generation
Is my plea to every nation
Brighter dreams for tomorrow
When the joy will outlast the sorrow
peace is in the air
flowing everywhere
Make a friend and show that you
care

I'm a Peace Child (etc. x 2)

Spreading Peace throughout this
Land
Take my Hand!!

WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER

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Through the years I saw you grow
My brother was a great hero
One day I heard you say
Somehow you've lost your way

And then your pain cried out to me
I'm your sister and your friend
I'll be here through thick and thin
Oh brother can't you see - It's not a
fantasy

You have so much inside to give

We can get through this together
We can beat it if we try
I will saty with you forever
I won't let you die

In every life some rain must fall
But we can make it through it all
The fight is hard I know
Together we can grow
Just keep the courage in your heart -
your heart!

BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

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Open your eyes, search deep inside
I have a message of hope and unity
I have a dream
Let Freedom ring
Make a chain for peace and harmony

God make us one under the sun
Let us walk together as a family
Cease fire arms!
There's no need for harm!
Take a stand - for right and dignity.

Black is beautiful
When you understand
It's not the color of your skin
That makes you a true man
White is beautiful
In America the free
We are one, we are family