



CITY at PEACE

PEACE CHILD FOUNDATION

A Youth-Inspired Musical Transforming Washington, D.C. into a City at Peace

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*April 28 & 29 1990 Stuart Hobson Middle School - Washington, D.C. 8:00PM
May 5 First Congregational Church * May 6 Holy Spirit High School 3:00PM*

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Written by **Carlo Grossman and the City at Peace Cast** Directed by **Carlo Grossman**
Music and Lyrics by **Rickey Payton** Additional Song by **David Gordon**
Musical Direction by **Rickey Payton** Choreography by **Wayne Yorke**
Produced by **Jody Grossman and Caron Tate**
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Cast

(in alphabetical order)

Addis Abebe
Sharise Brown
MaLeata Carson
Bryant Dillard
Abby Friedman
Dale Gaston
Sheila Harvey
Charles Henderson
Chaka Hill

Dayna Hoffman
Stacey Huggins
Gabrielle Hursch-Cesar
Jonny Kigin
Dionne Mebane
Nell Mooney
Thomas Peterson
Kea Prather
Rachel Riddles

Stephen Ritter
Kimberly Saunders
Laura Shippler
Tony Smith
David St. Louis
Nicole St. Louis
Cynthia Stutts
Charles Wilkes
Kevin Woodson

ABOUT THE PLAY

The play begins in the year 2025. Washington, D.C. has learned to resolve the problems it faced in the 1990's. There is a Black woman President in the White House. Peace and harmony reign in the city. Today the city is celebrating Peace Day, an annual event commemorating the work of a group of young students who helped bring positive changes to Washington in 1990.

We flash back to the present day where two rival high schools are preparing for a basketball game. Racial tension between the schools makes the game a point of battle, and violence breaks out after the game. A Black male student and a White female student work together to create a peace conference with students from both schools coming together to deal with racial issues and develop positive alternatives.

In the end, the students decide they must to work together and go out into the community to try and change things for the better.

Opening Scene

Washington, D.C. in the year 2025

Scene 2

A split scene between West and East High Schools

Scene 3

The basketball game at West High

Scene 4

A newsreport at West High

Scene 5

A city street

Scene 6

The Bentley family home

Scene 7

The Thompson family home

Scene 8

A television talk show

Scene 9

Peace conference at Rock Creek Park

Scene 10

In the community/a city street

ABOUT THE PROJECT

CITY AT PEACE is about young people. It's about healing. It's about overcoming racism and prejudice. It's about learning positive human values and interaction. It's about bringing a community together in peace.

Youth from Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia have come together to discuss issues, identify problems and develop solutions. Working with a professional adult staff, the cast learns communication and interpersonal skills. This process builds towards a dramatic musical production that incorporates their experiences, ideas and visions for the future.

This is the second **CITY AT PEACE** produced in Washington. The original 1989 production generated great interest in other cities that recognized the urgent need for such a program in their communities. Detroit, Dallas and Miami have produced **CITY AT PEACE** projects of their own this year, and other cities are interested in starting projects.

We hope some day soon to open a national office for **CITY AT PEACE** that would coordinate projects around the country. This office would provide information, materials, and a mobil consulting staff. It would collect, analyze and disseminate important evaluation data from local projects for public use. It would work in partnership with other organizations to support youth developed community service programs that result from **CITY AT PEACE** projects.

We would like to keep a **CITY AT PEACE** program working year-round in D.C. But of course, this takes money. This show has been invited to Atlanta for the Martin Luther King Summer Arts Festival, this takes money. Your contribution can make dreams possible!

PEACE CHILD FOUNDATION

CITY AT PEACE is a project of the Peace Child Foundation, a non-profit organization that works toward building a better world by overcoming the barriers between peoples. The Foundation was incorporated in 1982, in Washington, D.C. It promotes an international youth exchange program in the performing arts each year with a focus on peace education and the environment.

The Peace Child Foundation has a growing number of chapters across the U.S. and national affiliates in 24 countries. There is an international office in Amsterdam, and a Soviet national office in Moscow. To date over 40,000 children have participated in Peace Child presentations, performing to audiences in excess of 1.5 million.

For more information about the Peace Child Foundation and **CITY AT PEACE**, please contact:
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International World
By Rickey Payton 1990

You are my brother
You are my sister
I see no color
I just see a man
Now that we're together
A brighter day forever
There is no more confusion
No war in this land

It's so nice to know
Every where you go
International world
So many languages
Finding your heritage
International world

So much world to see
Just for you and me
International world
Beautiful scenery
And sometimes poverty
International world

Open up your heart
You can take a part
International World
Spread love across the land
Won't you lend a hand
International world

Fashions all the time
Foods of many kinds
International world
Life in the tropical
Is where I'd like to go
International world

You dont need a car
Don't have to travel far
International world
There's a variety
Just look around and see
International world

This is so unique
It's a novelty
International world
People of every race
All living in one place
International world

What Color is Love
By Rickey Payton 1990

Why should a color
Make a difference in a man?
When we were all created
To live in a peaceful land
Open up your eyes
Please don't make me cry

What color is love?
What color is life?
Your skin only tells
Your complexion
What color is peace?
What color is joy?
When you find the meaning
Hold it in your heart

It's time to agree
Life is not too long
We're all in this world
For a reason
What color is hope?
Hope for you and me
When you find the meaning
Hold it in your heart

Every dream
That we dream
Every song
That we sing
Is for peace
In the world
Let's stop fighting
And start loving

Gonna Be A War At West High
By Rickey Payton 1990

Gonna be a war
At West High
So you betta' beware
Somebody's gonna die
There's gonna be a war
At West High
Gonna be a war!

We're tired of you people
At West High
We're gonna kick butt
And that's no lie
There's gonna be a war
At West High

Gonna be a war!

Biting, kicking
Scratching, hitting
Beating, bashing
Pounding, stabbing
Yelling, choking
Crying, screaming
Fighting, shooting
Murder, killing
Gonna be a war!
Gonna be a war!!
Gonna be a war!!!

Stop The War Now In D.C.
By Rickey Payton 1990

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 their beats
Children are running wild
Rescue the lonely juvenile
Stop the war now in D.C.

Fighting, killing
Screaming shouting
Murder on the streets
Smoking crack and shooting up
Your veins with PCP
Every time you turn around
Another homicide
Our city's under siege
And crime is high
And on the rise

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

**We Can Get Through
This Together**
By Rickey Payton

Through the years
I saw you grow
My brother was
A great hero
Then 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 stay 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!

Change The World
By Rickey Payton 1990

Change the world
Change the world
I believe together
We can find a way
Change the world
Change the world
Is my prayer
Oh Lord today

Change the world
Let a new day begin
Change the world

We can do it my friend
Change the world
Together we'll win
Change the world
Change the world

Change the world
There's so much to do
Change the world
Believe me it's true
Change the world
There's a winner in you
Change the world
Change the world

We've got to change it!

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 our sunlight
If we unite

There's a way, you see
Where no one get hurts
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
Seek a brighter day
Love as our sword
Peace as our weapon
Reach out with love
Let us win this way
Martin Luther King
Had a vision

City At Peace
By Rickey Payton 1990

Pardon me sir, may I have
A moment of your time?
I'd like to know your views
About war and crime
They say that our city
Is under siege and we're asking
The community to help us please
Just the other day
Little Johnny was blown away
And late last night

A girl was stabbed with a knife
Oh yeah! I heard about that!
I tried to tell the boy
To stop selling crack
A wasted life down the pipe
Sad you never learn
Until you get burned
It ain't cool
And man it ain't fly
Cookin' your brains
And always getting high
If you wanna be cool
Then stay in school
'cause you need an education
To learn all the rules

City at peace
We can make a difference
You and me
City at peace
If you get involved
Then you will see
A drug free world
Living in harmony

Pardon me mam
Do you have anything
You'd like to say
If so, speak out!
If you can help in any way
This neighborhood is ours
And we gotta take it back
Before our little children
Get strung out on crack
It's time for a change
In our city government
Girl! What do you mean?
Can't you even take a hint?
(cont.)

City at Peace (cont.)

Bullets fly
While the innocent die
And all you ever hear is
Um? I wonder why?
Drugs are real
And yes they really kill
This comes as a warning
So take a chill pill
What is it gonna take
To get this neighborhood
Straight

Black Is Beautiful

By Rickey Payton

Open your eyes
Search deep in side
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

School Scene Rap

By Charles Wilkes

Stand back and give me the room
To demonstrate my ability
So gather your conscience
Let go of your nonsense
Thinkin' you're superior
Thinkin' we're inferior
Please just listen to my criteria
Suckers I dominate
Punks I annihilate hmm
West High is one of the above
Surrounding my kingdom
With the best of the rap game
My conduct gets physical
Nearing the oblivial
P R I N C E
Doing damage beyond compare
It's rare to find the legion
Of artist workin the hardest
Keepin' the crowds movin'
And groovin' to the upbeat
And tempo Yo!
Snatchin' up the content
As if it were mine
Take the time to find
In your mind you can't beat us
So please don't put up a fuss
Simon says get a taste
Of this thing called wisdom
It's just hate within them