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“Peace, Love, & Music Together: An International Day of Peace Celebration”  
Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT Saturday, September 16

Special guests to take center stage

**Hartford, CT, August 24, 2017**— Music Together®, the leading international early childhood music education program, will commemorate the **United Nations’ International Day of Peace** with the 5th annual Peace, Love, & Music Together, a family music event created here in Connecticut by local music educators. Peace Day is celebrated around the world. **Attracting close to 1000 participants annually, Peace, Love, & Music Together: An International Day of Peace Celebration will be held at Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT, on Saturday, September 16, 2017, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.**

The free family festival will include live music and dance, including opportunities for audience participation and appearances from a diverse array of community performers and organizations from around the state. Festival goers will be able to enjoy picnicking on the park grounds, arts & crafts, face-painting, exhibitors and more.

According to Music Together Founder/Director Kenneth K. Guilmartin, “For more than twenty-five years, Music Together has been bringing families together through music and promoting music-making as an amazing resource for bonding parents and children. One of my signature songs, ‘May All Children’ is a wish for world peace, and it will be featured around the world on the UN International Day of Peace. The song has been sung millions of times throughout the world, in Music Together classes and by choruses and school groups as part of our work to support UNICEF. ‘Peace, Love, and Music Together’ is a heartwarming and joyous celebration in Connecticut—where peace is at the forefront of everyone’s minds.”

Jessica Nevins, Director, Music Together of the River Valley, Ivoryton CT, one of the producers and organizers of the event adds, “We created an event that will not only spread peace in Connecticut, but will also send a message to the world. Music Together center directors throughout the state are thrilled to bring together some of the state’s most exciting musicians, choruses, artists, and entertainers for a day of music in honor of peace.”

The event will include a ceremonial bell-ringing at 12 noon, as is done at the UN, signaling a moment to reflect on a wish for world peace. “May All Children” will then be performed and attendees will be encouraged to join in. For those wishing to hear and learn the song before the festival, a recording and sheet music is available for free at [www.musictogether.com/about/may-all-children](http://www.musictogether.com/about/may-all-children).

Other presentations/activities include: family music and movement facilitated and performed by Sunny Train of Essex; world music, drumming and dancing; crafts and games for children; peace-inspired performances featuring CT-based folk fusion band The Auburn Mode, Music Together recording artist "Uncle" Gerry Dignan, youth ensembles from the Greater Hartford area, Artists for World Peace, and more.

The year's event is sponsored by Music Together Worldwide and Music Together Connecticut.

For more information about Peace, Love, & Music Together, please visit [www.facebook.com/PeaceLoveMT](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLoveMT).

### **About Music Together**

Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for children birth through age seven — and the grownups who love them. The Music Together curriculum, coauthored in 1987 by Kenneth K. Guilmartin (Founder/Director) and Rowan University Professor of Music Education Dr. Lili M. Levinowitz (Director of Research), is based on the recognition that all children are musical: all children can learn to sing in tune, keep a beat, and participate with confidence in the music of our culture, provided that their early environment supports such learning. Music Together offers programs for families; schools; at-risk populations; and children with special needs, in over 2000 communities in 40 countries around the world. The company is passionately committed to bringing children and their caregivers closer through shared music-making and helping people discover the joy and educational value of early music experiences. More at [www.MusicTogether.com](http://www.MusicTogether.com) and on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/MusicTogether](https://www.Facebook.com/MusicTogether).

### **About the International Day of Peace**

Created by a United Nations resolution in 1981, the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21. It is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

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