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**IMAGINE ONE HOUR FOR PEACE - THE ARTISTS FOR PEACE HOUR**

The message *Imagine a world in peace*, remarkably expressed through the *Imagine : la ballade pour la paix de John Lennon et Yoko Ono* exhibition, has inspired **Artists for Peace / Les Artistes pour la Paix** to reply with joy by echoing in unison: "Yes, through our music, songs and poems, we too like to imagine a world in peace" and by offering the public a free **Hour for Peace** from 6 to 7 P.M. for five days, from May 26 to May 30, at the **Montreal Museum of Fine Arts**. There will be only one important theme: **PEACE!**

*Artists for Peace* accepted, without the slightest hesitation, the invitation extended by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and wholeheartedly started organizing the *Hours for Peace*, a 5-day event, from 6 to 7 p.m., from May 26 to May 30, in front of the glass roof hall, at the 3rd level of the "Jean-Noël Desmarais" Montreal Museum of Fine Arts' Pavilion.

During these five evenings, artists will perform a succession of solos, duos and trios introduced by star presenters:

- on May 26: Manuel Brault and the duo Stéphanie Boulay and Manuel Gasse will be followed by gleaming Catherine Major;
- on May 27: Coral Egan and Alexandre Désilets, an unforgettable duo;
- on May 28: The "Three Bright Young Ladies for Peace", Catherine Durand, Sylvie Paquette and Mara Tremblay, followed by moody Yves Desrosiers and his bright musicians;
- on May 29: Raoul Duguay and Samian, two generations sharing dreams enlightened by peace;
- on May 30: Hugo Lévesque, Marie-Marine Lévesque and Édith Butler, who will beautifully end the last of *Hours for Peace* events.

Toddlers too will have their own *Hour for Peace* on Saturday May 30, from 2 to 3 p.m., when they will be able to sing and dance with *Les Clowns du Carrousel* and *Les Petites Tounes*. An *Hour for Peace* which promises to be lively and joyful, where young-hearted parents are most welcome!

On May 26, 40th anniversary of the John Lennon & Yoko Ono *Bed-in for Peace*, **Radio-Canada** will broadcast a special all-day radio program at **Espace Musique (100.9 FM)**. Presenters Marie-Christine Trottier, Claude Saucier and Monique Giroux will host several artists participating in the *Hours for Peace* event, starting at 9 a.m. with pianist Pierre Jasmin, president of Artists for Peace, later followed by author, composer and singer Daniel Lavoie who, in 1988, was nominated, the very first of twenty-two subsequent "artists for peace of the year".

For more than 25 years, through their multiple arts events and their website, Artists for Peace (Honorary Presidents: Antonine Maillet and Richard Séguin) have been promoting peace through social justice and disarmament. They were awarded a YMCA Medal for Peace in 2008. The arts are a fertile breeding ground for peace because they rely on the world of imagination and on the creative possibilities of the human being. Artists for Peace want to pay a tribute to all those who defend the broad and ambitious goal of building peace in the minds and hearts of people. Artists for Peace warmly thank the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Groupe Sema Media ([www.groupesemamedia.com](http://www.groupesemamedia.com)) as well as all those who agree to "Give Peace a Chance!" (Lennon/Ono).

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