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Editor,

Global Peace Alliance announces the ART**4Peace** Contest 2022, is now open to all ages! Our literary (essay, prose, poetry, drama) and visual arts (drawing, painting, sculpting) contest is now accepting entries. More information on how to enter and prizes, is available on our website and contact info. Contest deadline is August 15th. Displaying as well as prize announcements for 2021-2022 will be made at our annual “GIVE PEACE A CHANCE” Festival on October 1st, 2022.

Our yearly **“Give Peace a Chance”** festival held on the International Day of Peace, follows the UN’s theme this year: “End Racism, Build Peace”. We are very excited and thankful to be chosen as one the three recipients of the Bell Performing Arts Centre Community Program which will afford us the opportunity to showcase the talents, efforts and stories from our community in the Bell Performing Arts Centre.

This year, we invite speakers, dancers, singers and other peace organizations to participate, sharing a message of peace, love, and nonviolence. The audience and judges will vote for the most artistic and inspiring performances that unite, delight and express a strong connection to our theme. The top performances will receive prizes in in addition to performance honorariums. Space is limited, so interested groups and performers are encourages to apply swiftly to ensure their opportunity to compete and share their talents.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate in this important community peace initiative by way of sponsorships, prize donations and can be showcased at our event.  Tables will be available for community service and social justice groups.

Global Peace Alliance BC (GPA) celebrates 10 years since it was formed by community leaders in Surrey! Our vision is a world of peace where humans celebrate their diversity, respect their common values, and resolve their conflict by non-violent means. This year while still reeling from the deadly pandemic, we are faced with more conflict, war, and economic hardship around the world. This festival celebrates and embraces peace, community and non-violent competition like no other! Join us as we urgently call for change and the focus on saving our beautiful planet and humankind. For more information visit www.[peacealways.org](http://peacealways.org/)  email  info@peacealways.org, or call 604-329-0850

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