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**ARTolerance presents a United Nations Day Celebration
at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside**

ARTolerance ensemble will share a brilliant display of cultural diversity in harmony. Perfect for families! Actor, dancer & story teller Khalil Munir from his powerful act 1 pound 4 Ounces and The Crown Is Yours Celloist & composer Ajibola Rivers Premiere from his 6 Cello Suites project, a fusion of Bach style counterpoint, using African-American and Latin dances.

Vocalist Phyllis Chapell's journey through her repertoire from Brazil, Latin America and the Middle East, as well as American folk, jazz, originals and popular music.

Joey Tayoun with his mesmerizing rhythms of Middle Eastern music and Jean Young from her powerful children stories Portals to Wonderland.

PERFORMANCE & EVENT DETAILS

United Nations Day Celebration

Date: Sunday, October 24, 2021
Time: 4:00pm EST
Location: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside
120 N Easton Rd, Glenside, PA 19038

Price: FREE In-person event

MEDIA

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ARTolerance mission is to advance the role of the arts in dialogues, transcend communication boundaries and explore common ground, through performances, events, conferences and workshops.

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St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside

St Paul's is a member congregation of the ELCA, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. "The ELCA is a community of faith that shares a passion for making positive changes in the world. Our faith is built around a strong belief in God as made known to us in Jesus Christ. Through worship, service, and education, we practice our faith, grow our relationship with God and experience God's grace in our lives.

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ARTISTS

Udi Bar-David - Cellist & Artistic Director of ARTolerance

Udi Bar-David is widely considered one of the most versatile cellists in the world, performing on international stages with both classical and ethnic musicians. Udi studied in Tel-Aviv, with Leonard Rose at the Juilliard School, and Orchestral Conducting at Curtis Institute of Music.

Udi won the International Villa Lobos Competition in Brazil, and appeared as a soloist with numerous orchestras, including the Jerusalem Symphony and Philly Pops. He was featured on the *TODAY* show, and was represented by Astral Artistic Services and the Center for Jewish Culture and Creativity. He has served as principal cellist with many orchestras, and has been a member of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the late 1980s.

As a chamber musician, Udi has collaborated with Christoph Eschenbach, Leon Fleisher, Jaime Laredo, Rudolph Buchbinder, Emanuel Ax and others. As Founder and Artistic Director of Intercultural Journeys, he produced numerous events world-wide. Udi has recently created Artolerance – an important new effort to expand the crucial role music and the arts play in fostering understanding and tolerance.

Udi has toured the US, Europe, Palestine, Israel, Cuba and Asia, with world-renowned artists, including Jie Bing Chen, Nawang Khechog, Hanna Khoury, Wu Man, Diane Monroe, R. Carlos Nakai, Mandy Patinkin, and Simon Shaheen.

Phyllis Chapell- Vocalist

Phyllis Chapell—vocalist/guitarist—hailing from Philadelphia, PA, has spent her life developing a universal musical style, singing “world songs”. She performs a unique mix of jazz, originals, folk, pop and international music, including songs in up to 13 languages from the U.S., Brazil, Latin America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. Phyllis Chapell has performed in concert throughout the U.S., Brazil, Latin America, and Europe. She has released multiple CDs, as a solo artist, and with her internationally known world jazz ensemble, Phyllis Chapell & SIORA. She also performs with the Ken Ulansey Ensemble, the Hot Club of Philadelphia, and many other musicians/ensembles throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region. She also has produced multiple videos, which you can see and listen to at www.phyllischapell.com. Phyllis Chapell has been named as one of the top 500 jazz vocalists of all time by Scott Yanow (*Down Beat*, *Jazz Times* and *AllMusicGuide*). She has also won song competitions for her original music; and was chosen to be one of IndieMusic’s Top 25

Khalil Munir- Actor, Dancer, Storyteller

Khalil Munir, is a performer, educator, tap dancer and speaker, born 1 pound 4 ounces. He tells his story to young ears and adults alike. He was diagnosed with dyslexia at age 14. Prior to this discovery, he always felt "less than". Now, as an educator, he feels strongly towards the importance of representation. He wrote this book to show little brown boys that they are powerful, no matter their circumstances. He wants all readers to know they are worthy, capable and have the right to wear their crown and stand in their power.

Ajibola Rivers- Cellist, Composer

Ajibola Rivers is a Nigerian-American performing artist of many talents. He has received classical training as a cellist and is a self-taught composer. He has a number of works in development, each of which doubles as a training exercise with specific writing and performance challenges. Between works he performs professionally as a cellist and a bass guitarist in collaboration with various artists all along the East Coast of the United States.

Joseph Tayoun- Middle Eastern Drum

Joseph Tayoun, a second generation Lebanese American, is an accomplished Middle Eastern percussionist. He started playing by the early age of eight at his family's renowned Middle East Restaurant in Philadelphia where live, authentic Arabic, Turkish, Persian, Armenian, Greek and Israeli music and dance were performed nightly for over forty years. Learning from the area's top Middle Eastern musicians, Joe became adept at the many styles of drumming within these different ethnicities.

He performs with various Middle Eastern and World Music ensembles locally, regionally, and internationally, as well as conducting workshops and master classes at schools and universities. Joseph has been the recipient of several noteworthy grants from such organizations including the: NEA, PCA, PAEP, and the State Department. He is currently active in a wide variety of projects both as a performer and a educator.

Jean Young- Storyteller

Jean Young is a storyteller who was born in Seoul, South Korea. She loved reading books and writing stories as a child. As an adult, she wrote and published 4 books - Portals to Wonderland Book 1, 2, 3 and Squiggy's Challenge. In 2019, she presented the Portals to Wonderland Book 2 at an international conference of astronomers in Belgium. She currently works as a physician, specifically as a child and adolescent psychiatrist in Philadelphia.