Youth Arts New York Annual Report
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

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for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Youth Arts New York became an official Non Governmental Organization (NGO) with the United Nations Department of Public Information with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office for Disarmament Affairs.

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Department of Public Information (DPI) met 17 December 2012 to consider new applications from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for association with DPI. I am pleased to inform you that the Committee approved the Youth Arts New York for association with the Department, effective immediately.
Youth Arts New York BOARD OF DIRECTORS was re-elected

Linda Chapman, President
Daniel Osman, Vice President
Robert Croonquist, Treasurer
Sandra W. Parker
Kathleen Sullivan, Hibakusha Stories Program Director

FY 2012-2013 INITIATIVES

The primary initiative of Youth Arts New York FY 2012-2013 was Hibakusha Stories.

Hibakusha Stories team, Spring, 2013,

Row 1, left to right, Shigeko Sasamori, Polly Daniel, Jongkeun Lee, Cynthia Miller, Robert Croonquist, Debbie Brindis. Row 2, left to right, Clifton Truman Daniel, Hayato Nakao, Reiko Yamada, Marie Cochrane, Kathleen Sullivan, Blaise Dupuy
OCTOBER, 2012

From October 12, 2012 through October 20, 2012, Youth Arts New York sponsored the visits of Yasuaki Yamashita, an atomic bomb survivor from the city of Nagasaki, and Setsuko Thurlow, a survivor from Hiroshima. Both Ms. Thurlow and subsequently Mr. Yamashita have been appointed by the Government of Japan as Special Communicators for a World Without Nuclear Weapons. They were joined by Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of United States President Harry S. Truman, the only person to order the dropping of an atomic bomb in war. The Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation donated paper cranes to each participating school. Kamishibai were donated by the City of Nagasaki to share with schools. Events were documented in film and photographs by Paule Saviano, Robert Croonquist and East River Films.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Hibakusha Stories Fellows visited students at Bayside High School in Queens and Brooklyn Friends School. The program at Bayside was filmed and subsequently aired on CSPAN History Channel. “Clifton Truman Daniel with Hiroshima and Nagasaki Survivors, October 15, 2013” is archived at:

http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/308890-1

Students from five high schools attended a program at the Japan Society that was u-streamed live by Cinema Forum Fukushima/East River Films. The program is archived at:

http://cinemaforumfukushima.org

http://vimeo.com/53806394
http://vimeo.com/52720294
http://vimeo.com/52049769#
http://vimeo.com/52049768
http://vimeo.com/52026576

Students and faculty from Brooklyn Friends School held an informal lunch conversation with Ms. Thurlow, Mr. Yamashita and Mr. Truman Daniel and made plans for more extensive programming in the spring.

School programs were facilitated by Dr. Kathleen Sullivan and Robert Croonquist and included an interactive introduction to the nuclear fuel chain, the history of the atomic bomb and the present state of nuclear disarmament and nuclear guardianship.
WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Ms. Thurlow, Mr. Yamanshia & Mr. Daniel were hosted at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs by M.V. Ramana, Associate Research Scholar, Program on Science and Global Security, where they spoke to approximately 45 professors at the Science & Global Security Seminar Series.

BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Later that day they visited the Newtown Campus of Bucks County Community College where they spoke to over 100 students. The event was sponsored by the Coalition for Peace Action.

PUBLIC EVENTS

SIDE EVENT, NPT PREP COMMITTEE, UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Mission of the Government of Mexico to the United Nations sponsored a collaboration between Hibakusha Stories, the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and artist Shinpei Takeda at a side event for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Preparatory Committee meeting at the United Nations.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On the first day after the public schools reopened after Superstorm Sandy, a full complement of 25 high school teachers attended a day-long professional development workshop co-sponsored by the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and Youth Arts New York. Schools who sent teachers to the workshop were given priority booking for the Spring programming.
PRINCETON COALITION FOR PEACE ACTION

Reverend Robert Moore hosted Ms. Thurlow, Mr. Yamanshia & Mr. Daniel at the Princeton Coalition for Peace Action, Nassau Presbyterian Church. 20 members of the organization were present.

THE ULTIMATE WISH ENDING THE NUCLEAR AGE

The hibakusha participated in a Q and A at the Quad Cinema after a screening of Robert Richter and Kathleen Sullivan’s film The Ultimate Wish: Ending the Nuclear Age.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP

On October 13 and May, 4, Youth Arts New York hosted An Evening of Music and Friendship to benefit Hibakusha Stories at Dupuy’s Landing Guest House in Chelsea.
From April 29 to May 9, 2013, Youth Arts New York / Hibakusha Stories sponsored the visits of three atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima. They were Shigeko Sasamori, Reiko Yamada and Korean resident of Japan Lee Jongkeun. In addition we sponsored the visit of Dr. Cynthia Miller, daughter of D.C. Van Dyne, engineer with the Manhattan Project. Dr. Miller recounted her story of being born with plutonium poisoning.

The Hibakusha Stories Fellows attended 17 educational complexes. Six schools sent students to a program at the Japan Society and two schools sent students to a program at Urasenke Chanoyu Tea Center and Hunter College. Spring programming served close to 3,000 students. In June we collaborated with A Living Library with the Roosevelt Island School, PS/IS 217.

**TEA CEREMONY AT URASENKE CHANOYU**

50 foreign-born students from Flushing and Brooklyn International High Schools spent a day with Shigeko Sasamori, Clifton Truman Daniel and Lee Jongkeun at Hunter College and Urasenke Chanoyu Tea Center where they listened to testimonies and learned about the principles of tea.

**JAPAN SOCIETY**

240 students from six high schools came to the Japan Society for an event featuring Shigeko Sasamori, Jongkeun Lee, Clifton Truman Daniel and Cynthia Miller. The event was streamed live over the internet by Cinema Forum Fukushima.
THEATER WORKSHOP

Playwright Chiori Miyagawa and director Sophia Skiles led a theater workshop at Theater for the New City in Manhattan in which 20 students from the neighboring East Side Community High School listened to an interview with hibakusha Reiko Yamada conducted by Ms. Miyagawa and then developed one-act plays in response. The plays were performed at the end of the day.

photo (c) Paule Saviano

UN INTERNS AND GUIDES

The Fellows visited the United Nations where they presented their testimony to UN interns and guides. In addition the team was given a tour of the UN by Randy Rydell, Senior Political Affairs Officer, UN Office of the High Representative, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. They rang the Peace Bell that was forged in Hiroshima.

A LIVING LIBRARY AT THE ROOSEVELT ISLAND SCHOOL

As for the last 5 years, Youth Arts New York has generously donated to A Living Library: Life Frames, Inc. at PS/IS 217 Roosevelt Island School. Led by Smithsonian Fellow Bonnie Ora Sherk, 50 students learn the about the ecosystems of the New York region and plant gardens that bear fruit, food and create habitat for monarch butterflies.

photo (c) Robert Croonquist

WEBSITE DATA

From July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, the Hibakusha Stories website had:

Unique Visits - 9,826; New Visitors - 8,873; Return Visits - 953; Page Views - 20,437

from 108 countries including the following:

US - 58%; Canada - 8%; Japan - 4%; UK & Australia - 3%; India, Mexico, France - 2
SPRING, 2013 ATTENDANCE

HIGH SCHOOLS
350  Brooklyn Friends
250  Middle College HS
400  Cardinal Spellman HS
 35  Ethical Culture Fieldston
100  Christopher Columbus HS
100  Belmont Preparatory HS
100  Queens Metropolitan HS
 25  Flushing International
 25  Brooklyn International
  65  Grace Church School
200  Bklyn School for Music & Theatre
150  The Calhoun School
150  University Heights HS
300  Martin Luther King, Jr. HS
350  Urban Assembly for Careers in Sports
  20  East Side Community HS
  50  John Bowne HS

JAPAN SOCIETY
  13  Franklin K. Lane HS
  32  New York Harbor School
  15  Landmark HS
  33  Lower Manhattan Arts Academy
  30  Brooklyn High School for Int’l Studies
  92  East Side Community HS
  50  ROOSEVELT ISLAND SCHOOL LIVING LIBRARY

PUBLIC EVENTS
  30  United Nations Guides & Interns
  30  DCTV Screening of the Ultimate Wish
  40  Brooklyn Friends Meeting House
  40  Benefit Celebration

  3075 TOTAL

FALL, 2012 ATTENDANCE

HIGH SCHOOLS
  210  Bayside High School
   50  Brooklyn Friends HS
  240  JAPAN SOCIETY

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS
  45  Princeton University
     Woodrow Wilson School for International Studies
 130  Newtown Campus
     Bucks County Community College

PUBLIC EVENTS
  20  Princeton Peace Action Coalition
  40  UN First Committee Side Event
  40  The Ultimate Wish: Quad Cinema
  40  Benefit Celebration
  25  HS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, UN

  840  TOTAL

3915 TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED FY 2012 - 2013

DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the public schools we visited in May 2013 for which statistics are available for the 2011 - 2012 school year: 71% of the students were eligible for free or reduced price lunches; 20% of the students were English Language Learners; 20% were Special Education students; 13% were Asian; 23% were Black; 58% were Hispanic and 6% were White.
YOUTH ARTS NEW YORK FINANCIAL REPORT

FY 2012-2013

Opening Balance, July 1, 2012           223
Closing Balance, June 30, 2013      11,482

REVENUES

Program Fees           2,900
Individual Donations        34,024
Foundations          29,000
TOTAL REVENUES         65,924

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATIVE
NYFA & Credit Card Fees         5,962
Misc              1538
SUBTOTAL             7500

PROGRAM
Food & Hotel           6,150
Travel & Transport         12,109
Conferences               673
Miscellaneous              501
Personnel          27,732
SUBTOTAL          47,115

TOTAL EXPENSES         54,665
REVENUES  MINUS EXPENSES       11,259

OPENING BALANCE            223
CLOSING BALANCE        11,482

NOTES:

BOARD DONATIONS - $22,000

GRANTS:$1,000 grant from the Rose and Louis H. Linowitz Foundation; $2,000 from the A.J. Muste Foundation; $5,000 from the Thomas and Sandra Sullivan Family Foundation; $24,000 from the US Japan Foundation

IN KIND DONATIONS: Dreamaway Lodge, Dupuy's Landing Guest House, Sakagura, Soba-Ya, Sushi Choshi, Sushi Geido, Takahachi Bakery, Theater for the New City
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF YOUTH ARTS/HIBAKUSHASTORIES TEAM

ROBERT CROONQUIST facilitated a three hour workshop at the Japan Society for Metropolitan New York educators as part of a series entitled, “From WWII to Present: Integrating Peace Education into Grade 6 – 12 Curriculum.”

DR. KATHLEEN SULLIVAN continued her work in Disarmament Education and was recognized globally for her contributions to the field. Among this year’s accomplishments were:

Workshops & Panels:


Film:

Film Premire at the Quad Cinema, The Ultimate Wish: Ending the Nuclear Age, New Day Films, October 2012, New York, New York; Special Screening to Commemorate the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant catastrophe, Film Anthology Archive, March 11th 2013, New York, New York; NHK produced an hour long documentary about Kathleen and her innovative disarmament education work. Filmed in Nagasaki Technical High School, August 2012, the program aired on Japanese television in March 2013.

Awards:

Peace Correspondent for Nagasaki City, award presented by Mayor Tomihisa Taue, August 2012, Nagasaki, Japan; Alliance for Nuclear Accountability Certificate of Honor, for educating youth about Hiroshima and Nagasaki through innovative teaching and documentary films, April 2013, Washington DC.

Youth Arts New York congratulates Hibakusha Stories Program Director Kathleen Sullivan and Blaise Dupuy on their recent nupitals.