Youth Arts New York Annual Report

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

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for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dreamaway Lodge, Becket, MA
Saturday, September 20, 2014

Youth Arts New York BOARD OF DIRECTORS was re-elected

Linda Chapman, President
Daniel Osman, Vice President
Kathleen Sullivan, Hibakusha Stories Program Director
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FY 2013-2014 INITIATIVES

The primary initiative of Youth Arts New York FY 2013-2014 was Hibakusha Stories. We conducted programs in New York City, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Key West, Florida for approximately 6,500 students, scholars, United Nations interns, guides and representatives of member states as well as the general public.

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OCTOBER, 2013

From October 12, 2013 through October 20, 2013, 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. They were joined by Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of US President Harry S. Truman.

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The Hibakausha Stories staff visited 12 high schools, presenting 90-minute interactive workshops. At the NYC iSchool, teacher Nathan Snyder built a six week learning module around nuclear issues. His students created and filmed 30-second Public Service Announcements.

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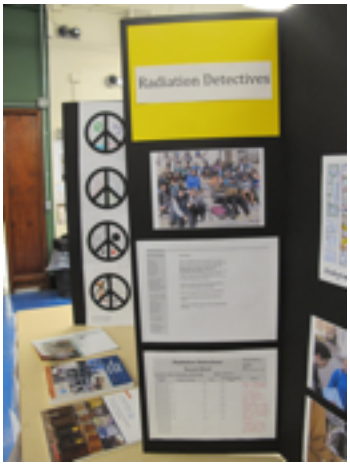
RADIATION DETECTIVES

Hibakusha Stories staff Kathleen Sullivan, Debra Brindis and Robert Croonquist teamed up with Tina Christmore and Kristin Bozymowski at The Calhoun School, Erin Fleishauer at Brooklyn International High School and Nathan Snyder at the NYC iSchool to develop the first ever iterations of a project that has been in development for several years. Students visited potential radiological hotspots throughout New York City to measure radioactivity with with pocket Geiger counters bought with school funds or teacher-generated grants. At Calhoun students participated in an interdisciplinary eighth grade curriculum around the study of the nuclear fuel chain. 80 students and parents participated in a Friday evening featuring Japanese food and culture followed by a live Skype conversation with two children who evacuated Fukushima Prefecture after the tsunami of 2011 destroyed three nuclear reactors there. The program at Brooklyn International created a scaffold for English Language Learners.



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PUBLIC EVENTS

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On November 5, 2013, Youth Arts New York conducted a teacher training workshop, *Teaching Hiroshima and Nagasaki*, for educators with the New York City Department of Education in collaboration with the Information and Outreach Branch and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Branch of the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. That the Workshop had the United Nations as its venue helped to attract a full complement of 35 high school teachers from four New York City boroughs who teach, among other subjects, global and current affairs and history at the high school level. Teachers who attended received priority booking for our Spring programs.

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SIDE EVENT: FIRST COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Hibakusha Stories co-sponsored a side event, *Multiple Perspectives on Nuclear Disarmament: Hibakusha, Humanitarian & Youth*, in conjunction with the First Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. The event was a collaboration with Peace Boat and The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and featured an intergenerational dialogue among youth and Setsuko Thurlow, Yasuaki Yamashita and Clifton Truman Daniel. Present was Veronique Christory of the International Committee of the Red Cross, an organization that stands firmly in the center of the movement for the abolition of nuclear weapons for humanitarian reasons.

NYU EAST ASIAN STUDIES AND COLD WAR HISTORY PROJECT

Monday, October 21, Professor Yukiko Hanawa and five of her students met with Setsuko Thurlow, Clifton Truman Daniel, Yasuaki Yamashita and Kathleen Sullivan.

AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP AT DUPUY'S LANDING

On October 19, 2013 and May, 3, 2014, Youth Arts New York hosted An Evening of Music and Friendship to benefit Hibakusha Stories at Dupuy's Landing Guest House in Chelsea. Approximately 50 guests celebrated the hard work of the hibakusha in high schools, universities and the UN. The evening featured the transcendent music of Sam Sadigursky, the culinary genius of Hayato Nakao and savory okonomiyaki pancakes by Taku Nishimae.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA

From November 28 to December 6, Youth Arts board member Sandy Parker hosted Hiroshima hibakusha Toshiko Tanaka and Shigeko Sasamori in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Kathleen Sullivan led workshops at Holland Hall and Booker T. Washington high schools, Tulsa Community College, and at the University of Tulsa History Club. Art teachers Jennifer Brown and Byron Shen conducted follow-up kamishibai projects with their students based on the testimony of Toshiko Tanaka. Two receptions were held for Hibakusha Stories, one at the home of Sandy Parker and the other at the home of George and Rita Singer.

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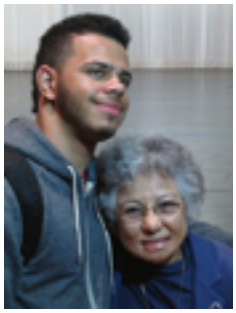
ACTION FOR DISARMAMENT: TEN THINGS YOU CAN DO!

On April 15, *Action for Disarmament: Ten Things You Can Do!,* a United Nations publication written by Hibakusha Stories Program Director Kathleen Sullivan and the NYU's Peter Lucas, was launched in the auditorium of the Dag Hammarskjold Library at the UN. UNODA High Representative for Disarmament Affairs Angela Kane spoke as did UN Messenger for Peace Michael Douglas. Kathleen Sullivan gave an interactive lesson that featured the bb demo, and three students from the NYC iSchool performed a rap they composed and dedicated to Yasuaki Yamashita, whose testimony they had heard in school in the Fall.

APRIL - JUNE, 2014

HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

From April 28 to May 8, Youth Arts New York collaborated with Peace Boat in presenting 22 programs to 3,000 students in approximately 35 New York City high schools and 2 middle schools in Westchester County. New to us from Peace Boat were hibakusha Nobuko Sugino, Hiroshima, and Michio Hakariya, Nagasaki. They were joined by Reiko Yamada, Hiroshima, and Shigeko Sasamori, Hiroshima. Clifton Truman Daniel and Kristen Iversen, author of *Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Shadows of Rocky Flats*, shared their perspectives. 220 students from 6 schools attended a program at the Japan Society where they were joined by Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue. Motoatsu Sakurai, President of the Japan Society, greeted the participants, which included Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui. The event was streamed live over the internet by East River Films/Cinema Forum Fukushima. 40 foreign-born students from Flushing and Brooklyn International high schools spent a day with Shigeko Sasamori and Reiko Yamada at Hunter College and Urasenke Chanoyu Tea Center where they listened to testimonies and learned about the principles of tea. Director Sophia Skiles led a theater workshop at Theater for the New City in Manhattan in which 14 students from the neighboring East Side Community High School listened to the testimony of hibakusha Reiko Yamada and then developed one-act plays in response. The plays were performed at the end of the day.



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RECEPTION FOR MAYOR TOMIHISA TAUE AND THE APPOINTMENTS OF TWO NEW NAGASAKI PEACE CORRESPONDENTS

Graphic Designer and Hibakusha Stories team member Miyako Taguchi and journalist Keiko Tsuyama were recognized as Nagasaki Peace Correspondents at a reception for 60 people at Dupuy's Landing on April 29. Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue and Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui and Breifne O'Reilly, head of the Irish Delegation to the NPT, were in attendance.

UN SIDE EVENT WITH PEACE BOAT, NAGASAKI MAYOR TOMIHISA TAUE & THE PERMANENT MISSION OF EL SALVADOR

On April 29, 2014, Peace Boat and Hibakusha Stories hosted *Hibakusha Testimony: The Humanitarian Voice in the Global Movement to Abolish Nuclear Weapons* at the UN. Peace Boat's Emilie McGlone facilitated. Speakers included Ambassador Carlos Enrique Garcia Gonzalez, Clifton Daniel, Reiko Yamada, students from Nagasaki University's RECNA (Research Center for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons), Akira Kawasaki and Kathleen Sullivan. Following the event, Hibakusha Stories Fellow Reiko Yamada gave the opening speech at the NGO Presentations to the Delegates of the NPT Preparatory Committee.

UN INTERNS AND GUIDES

Hibakusha Stories visited the United Nations in both the Fall and the Spring where they presented their testimony to UN interns and guides, the public face of the UN. After their presentation the team was given a tour of the UN's Disarmament exhibit. Hearing hibakusha testimony holds a special relevance for tour guides, who recount the tragedy of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to thousands of visitors each year.

VIDEO RECORDINGS OF HIBAKUSHA TESTIMONY

It is part of the mission of Hibakusha Stories to record hibakusha testimony for the permanent record. This year East River Films/ Cinema Forum Fukushima recorded events at the Japan Society and Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Complex. East River Films and Colleen Fitzgibbon conducted 45-minute interviews of Setskuko Thurlow, Yasuaki Yamashita, Reiko Yamada, Clifton Daniel and Michio Hakariya. Our program at Hunter College was filmed for an educational series by CBS affiliate Channel One. In addition, we cooperated with Heather Wokusch to film the testimony of Nobuko Sugino and Michio Hakariya for inclusion in a multimedia project to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, that will include a book, multiple television segments and an online eLearning platform to promote awareness of WWII topics. Hibakusha Stories and Peace Boat participants provided the content on atomic bomb survivors, to be viewed by approximately one million viewers.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LEGACY SYMPOSIUM, KEY WEST, FLORIDA

From May 14 - May 20, Hibakusha Stories collaborated with the Harry S. Truman Library and the Harry S. Truman Little White House in Key West, Florida at the Harry S. Truman Legacy Symposium. Organized by author and former Nuclear Regulatory Commission Historian Samuel Walker, the Symposium featured keynote addresses by Hibakusha Stories Fellows Setsuko Thurlow and Yasuaki Yamashita. Kathleen Sullivan facilitated workshops with Ms. Thurlow and Mr. Yamashita at Key West High School, Key West Community College, students from the Honors College of Florida International University and a public event at the Little White House. Clifton Truman Daniel hosted a reception for 8 of the 10 descendants of President Truman and the Hibakusha Stories team in the Little White House.

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A LIVING LIBRARY AT THE ROOSEVELT ISLAND SCHOOL

As for the last 6 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 and create habitat for monarch butterflies.

Attendance, NYC, October 2013

Adlai E. Stevenson Educational Campus	150
Bronx H.S. for Law, Government & Justice	200
Lower East Side Preparatory H.S.	70
Theodore Roosevelt Educational Campus	100
Columbia Secondary for Math, Science & Engineering	200
Aspirations High School	150
NYC iSchool	30
H.S. for Construction Trades, Engineering & Architecture	50
College of Staten Island H.S. for International Studies	150
Metropolitan Montessori School	200
Landmark High School	150
NYU East Asian Studies	20
TOTAL	1470

Attendance, Tulsa, OK, December 2013

Holland Hall	350
Rogers State University	25
Booker T Washington High School	510
Tulsa University	35
Tulsa Community College	200
TOTAL	1110

Attendance, Key West, FL, May 2014

Key West High School	70
Florida International University	15
Truman Symposium Reception	100
Public Event @ the Little White House	50
Florida Keys Community College	25
TOTAL	260

Attendance, Public Events 2013/2014

Fall Benefit	60
Tulsa Receptions	80
Spring Benefit	60
Reception for Mayor Taue	60
High School Teachers Professional Development	30
Regina Hagen & German University Students	40
UN Guides	80
UN Side Event	80
UN Civil Society Presentations to the NPT Prep Com	200
TOTAL	690

Attendance, NYC, April/May 2014

Fiorello H. La Guardia H.S./Performing Arts	120
John Bowne High School	60
The NYC Lab School	170
Stuyvesant High School	150
New York Harbor School	32
Eagle Academy for Young Men II	54
NYC iSchool	30
Keio Academy of NY	20
East Harlem Young Women's Academy	34
Marble Hill School for International Studies	33
Berkeley Carroll School	70
Northside Charter	300
High School of Fashion Industries	60
Urban Assembly School for Law and Justice	40
Martin Luther King Educational Complex	350
High School for Dual Language and Studies	180
Unity High School	50
University Heights High School	120
Cardinal Spellman High School	360
Bronx Lab School	100
Mott Haven Educational Complex	120
Calhoun School	100
East Side Community High School	100
Theater Workshop	14
Manhattan Village Academy	110
Mercy College	25
Isaaac Young Middle School	25
Foxfire Middle School	35
Flushing International High School	18
Brooklyn International	20
TOTAL	2900

TOTAL PEOPLE SERVED 6430

DEMOGRAPHICS

Of the public schools we visited in May 2014, current as of 2014

78%	Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch
14%	English Language Learners
15%	Asian
28%	Black
46%	Hispanic
10%	White

YOUTH ARTS NEW YORK FINANCIAL REPORT, FY 2013-2014

Opening Balance, July 1, 2013	11,664	
Closing Balance, June 30, 2014	4,619	(7045)
	REVENUES	
Program Fees	5,222	
Individual Donations	36,671	
Manhattan Borough President	3,000	
Foundations	27,000	
TOTAL REVENUES	71,893	
	EXPENSES	
	ADMINISTRATIVE	
NYFA Administrative	5,597	
NYFA Quarterly Fees	135	
Credit Card Fees	23	
Supplies	221	
Messenger	105	
Printing & Duplicating	300	
SUBTOTAL	6,381	
	PROGRAM	
Independent Contractors		
Program Administration	6,500	
Design	1,700	
Writers	250	
Photographic Services	2,500	
Workshop Instruction	21,300	
Online & Technical	7,634	
Publicity & Promotion	500	
SUBTOTAL	40,384	
General Expenses		
Meetings & Conferences	1,303	
Printing & Reproduction	1024	
Supplies & Equipment	595	
Food & Hotel	18,032	
Postage & Messenger	65	
Travel & Transport	11,032	
Miscellaneous	122	
SUBTOTAL	32,173	
TOTAL EXPENSES	78,938	
REVENUES MINUS EXPENSES	(7,045)	
CLOSING BALANCE	4,619	

NOTES:

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS: $21,600 came from the YANY Board of Directors

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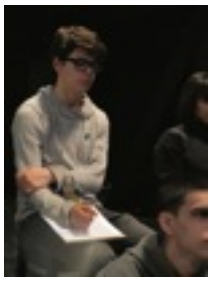

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