



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Children's Peace Theatre Presents The Voices Of Young Refugees In Toronto In Their Summer Theatre Production *Passage: A Moving Experience*

To show our solidarity with the challenges faced by refugees worldwide every single day, **Children's Peace Theatre** is committed to offering a platform for the voices of young refugees in Toronto through our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Production. This year's original show is called ***Passage: A Moving Experience*** and is an exploration on the theme of global migration, and the real life struggles and joys faced by immigrants and refugees living in Toronto told by children and youth.

You need only pick up any newspaper or turn on the news or to see that it is full of alarming reports about the rise in refugees worldwide and the plight they suffer. According to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in a report released June 19th, by the end of 2012, the world had 15.4 million refugees, 937,000 asylum seekers and 28.8 million people displaced within the borders of their own countries. The most devastating part of this reality is that children below the age of 18 accounted for 46 per cent of these refugees, globally.

We have to do what we can. Those young voices deserve to be heard.

*"Children's Peace Theatre is an award-winning Toronto community arts organization that gives young people the opportunity to address the reality of conflict in their lives and in our world, to work with amazing artists, and to learn valuable life skills,"* Artistic Director, Karen Emerson

This summer, Children's Peace Theatre will be working with over 70 children, youth and professional artists, many whom have refugee experience, encouraging them to tell their stories through music, stories and art.

***Passage*** truly promises to be a moving experience. Director Tanisha Taitt plans to create a show that travels all around our beautiful outdoor location so that audiences can experience on some small level the challenges faced by so many young people around the world.

There will be three public performances of ***Passage: A Moving Experience*** on July 25, 26 and 27, 2013.

## TICKET INFORMATION

### Gala Performance

Saturday, July 27, 2013

5 p.m. followed by a reception

\$25 Adults \$15 Students & Seniors \$10 Children 13 and under

### Matinees

Thursday, July 25, 2013 & Friday, July 26, 2013

1:30 p.m.

Pay What You Can

### Location

305 Dawes Road, Toronto, ON M4B 2E2

(or at Harmony Hall at 2 Gower Street if weather does not permit an outdoor show)

For tickets, please contact:

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## ABOUT CHILDREN'S PEACE THEATRE

Children's Peace Theatre is an award-winning community arts organization that offers numerous theatre and arts programs and projects for young people in the Taylor Massey (formerly Crescent Town) community, a designated priority neighbourhood in Toronto's East End.

Under the guidance of Artistic Director Karen Emerson, Children's Peace Theatre delivers our programs through carefully selected young professional artists each year who not only reflect the diversity of the children and youth we serve but also bring an exciting range of artistic talents including theatre, music, and visual arts. Programs include a three-week summer theatre camp, after-school programs, youth leadership projects, in-school workshops and youth-led initiatives.

For more information regarding CPT, please visit our website at

**[www.childrenspeacetheatre.org](http://www.childrenspeacetheatre.org)**

For more information about *Passage: A Moving Experience* or about our work with children and youth, please contact:

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