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**PHILADELPHIA'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY FESTIVAL & MARKET
PREMIERES ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Philadelphia's first International Peace Day Festival & Market will premiere on Wednesday, September 21. Penn Global, Peace Day Philly and International House Philadelphia are partnering to present this free outdoor festival, which will feature music, performances, international food trucks, local vendors, Peace Day activities and more. The festival takes place from 4pm to 7pm on the patio of International House (3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia) and in Innovation Plaza, adjacent to International House.

The event will conclude with a free public screening of *The Same Heart* at 7pm in the Ibrahim Theater at International House. Featured at the 2016 Nobel Peace Prize Forum, *The Same Heart* is a powerful documentary about the impact of poverty on the world's children and a bold idea to address it. This program will include a Q&A session with filmmaker Len Morris and global poverty and hunger expert Mariana Chilton.

The festival and screening will celebrate Peace Day Philly 2016, the local initiative for the UN International Day of Peace, which falls on September 21 each year. The International Peace Day Festival & Market is also part of the University of Pennsylvania's inaugural Global Week, which will showcase Penn's international footprint through a variety of cultural events and academic activities from September 19-23.

The International Peace Day Festival & Market will include performances by PENNaach (the University of Pennsylvania's all-female South Asian fusion dance troupe); Penn Atma (the University of Pennsylvania's all-female South Asian fusion a cappella group); and Project Capoeira, which will share the art of Capoeira, an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, games, music and dance. Festival activities will include "Chalk4Peace," a global initiative, and making Peace Cranes for children in other parts of the world.

Tanya Steinberg, President and CEO of International House Philadelphia, said, "We are proud to partner with Penn Global and Peace Day Philly to bring students and Philadelphia's diverse community together on the International Day of Peace to foster peace, understanding and respect among people of all cultures and nations, which is more important than ever."

Peace Day Philly's Founder, Lisa Parker, said, "We are excited that the city's first-ever International Peace Day Festival and Market, and the screening of *The Same Heart*, will be featured for Peace Day Philly 2016. We will also be encouraging participants to share what they can do to make peace in Philly with #makepeace."

For information about Peace Day Philly and other Peace Day events from Sept. 18-24, visit www.peacedayphilly.org. For more information about the International Peace Day Festival and Market, visit www.ihousephilly.org.

About Penn Global

Penn Global provides strategic direction for the University of Pennsylvania's global endeavors with a focus on efficient investment of university resources for global activities. Penn Global collaborates with Schools and Centers across the University and seeks to catalyze cross-school collaborations to integrate knowledge that addresses key issues. We partner with leaders from Penn and around the world to develop innovative interdisciplinary global strategies, initiatives and programs. In addition, Penn Global provides important services in support of University endeavors, including academic year study abroad, immigration services for international students and operational and compliance support for international projects. Its three reporting offices are Penn Abroad, International Student and Scholar Services and Global Support Services. Penn Global also manages the Global Engagement Fund, Penn's Global Information System, and international agreements with partner institutions. Visit <https://global.upenn.edu> for more information.

About Peace Day Philly

Peace Day Philly promotes and collaborates on programming related to personal, local and/or global peace, on and around the United Nations International Day of Peace ("Peace Day"). Peace Day Philly's focus is on building positive peace and creating the conditions for peace, unity and justice through diverse and collaborative activities such as dialogue, skill and resiliency-building, creativity, mindfulness and citizenship. To learn more, visit www.peacedayphilly.org.

About International House Philadelphia

International House Philadelphia has a critical three-fold mission: to maintain a diverse and welcoming residential community for students, scholars and professional trainees from around the world, while introducing them to the American experience; to broaden the horizons of its residents and the Greater Philadelphia community through high-quality arts and cultural programs; and to encourage understanding, respect and cooperation among people of all nations. International House Philadelphia housed more than 1,000 people from 80 countries and dozens of institutions in the last fiscal year, including many international students from the University of Pennsylvania. Visit www.ihousephilly.org for more information on International House.

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