Keep the peace

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Peace Day

All we are sayin' . . .

In the three years since our fair city started organizing its own take on the U.N.'s International Day of Peace, the local event has grown into a multiday, 50-plus activity festival. Lectures, meetings and films began a week ago, but biggies remain through the weekend. (Tomorrow's the official holiday.)

Tonight, Philly poet laureate Sonia Sanchez and Jordanian singer Farah Siraj appear as part of the program "What can YOU do for Peace?" in spiffed-up Hawthorne Park (12th and Catharine streets) 5:30-7:30 p.m.

All day tomorrow (9 a.m.-7 p.m.), people will be drawing chalk outlines that represent gun-related deaths in the U.S. (28th and JFK). Nearby, there's a march along the Parkway at 3:30 p.m. (from 18th Street).

Tomorrow night's concert featuring an Israeli and Palestinian pianist duo at the Kimmel Center (Broad and Spruce streets, 7 p.m., $28-$48) is can't-miss.

Sunday, the celebration continues with six international soccer teams playing at Penn (noon-8 p.m.). But this is just the tip of the nonviolent iceberg: Additional concerts, kids' gatherings, memorials, storytelling, meditation and more promise to give peace another chance.

Various locations, through Sunday, mostly free, 215-688-6127, peaceadayphilly.org.