Dear Wendy,

New York City Sanctuary Filled With The Sounds of Ten Flutes!

Over 100 hear the premier performance of The Flute Choir of New York, "Concerts for Peace."

Greenwich Village, NYC / Sunday, June 21, 2015 -
Over 100 guests filled the 1881 New York City Landmark Sanctuary of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church to hear the premier performance of The Flute Choir of New York, under the direction of Nicolas Duchamp. Ten flutist's performed outstanding works by Pachelbel, Sanit-Sans, Vivaldi, Mozart and an energetic finally composed by Rossini from The Barbier de Seville Overture.

This "Concerts for Peace" was dedicated to the precious lives lost at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Charleston, South Carolina. REACH-NYC is most appreciative to The Flute Choir of New York, who donated their talent and time to make this event possible.

The audience applauded for over two minutes, at the conclusion of this simply amazing group of New York City musicians, who first joined to make beautiful music this past September, under the direction of Nicolas Duchamp.

Nicolas Duchamp was first introduced to REACH-NYC, when Jonathan Brahms, a local resident of Greenwich Village who is an accomplished flutist, and lives steps away from Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, called the pastor of the church, to inquire if he might record some music in the sanctuary of this historic New York City landmark. Brahms was shocked that his phone message was answered within twenty minutes, since he had left similar messages at other nearby churches, inquiring about the same need, and never heard back.

With a simple gesture of an answered phone call, a friendship between Jonathan Brahms, Nicolas Duchamp and Tony Romeo, the church pastor began to flourish.
Jonathan Brahms eventually played for the church's annual Christmas Concert, in December of 2014 and gave his own outstanding concert in May of 2015. Nicholas Duchamp later inquired about having his newly formed The Flute Choir of New York, perform at the church, and on Sunday, June 21, 2015, a simple phone message, that had been left, became another inspired "Concerts for Peace" that has brought outstanding musicians to participate in what is becoming a monthly and sometimes bi-monthly event in this historic landmark church.

After the concert, the large audience of guests enjoyed the reception for the musicians in the community room, where delicious plant-based vegetarian gourmet food was offered. Everyone enjoyed the amazing food, and new friendships were made, creating conversations that have members of the community return concert after concert, looking forward to the next special musical event.

Several participants have started to be regular attendees at our worship services on Saturday morning's, and REACH-NYC is planning on a possible evening service that will be designed especially for the many faith traditions that have joined and participated in these concerts who come from a varied background. The "Concerts for Peace" series is also attracting young professionals who do not have any faith tradition, but find what is being shared, compelling and a place of peace.

It is the purpose of REACH-NYC to bring people together, without regard to ethnic, nor religious affiliation. The theme developed at the start of REACH-NYC has always been, "REACH OUT TO GOD. REACH OUT TO EACH OTHER. REACH OUT TO NYC." With the wide range of faith traditions who are now coming to this landmark church, to enjoy good music in peace and also making new friends, the original concept of RNYC.

It is amazing how great music can bring diverse people together, and all for a good purpose, with proceeds from these concerts going towards local community groups who are serving New Yorkers in need. So far "Concerts for Peace" sponsored fully by REACH-NYC and the members of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church who have given us access to this outstanding venue, in order to provide a space for these concerts, donations have been made to the following not-for-profit groups:

Sister Friends Galleria Supporting Low Income Women and Their Children, Covenant House, The Memory Center of New York, The Children of P.S. 15 - Lower East Side, Joseph's House, Mary's House and City Harvest - All these groups are providing needed services to those living in our community, and REACH-NYC is happy to partner with them, and appreciate all our donors who help make these concerts possible.

In August of 2015, REACH-NYC will once again, begin a series of Plant-Based Healthy Living Vegetarian Seminars and Cooking Classes, that were a popular event that are being planned for the Fall of 2015.

We would appreciate any help you might be able to provide by making a tax deductible donation made payable to "REACFH-NYC" and sending it to "REACH-NYC, P.O. Box 651, North Salem, NY 10560. You can also make a secure donation below by clicking the "Make A Donation" button in yellow below or by visiting our website at: www.reach-nyc.com and clicking on the link that says "DONATION."
Your donations make "Concerts for Peace" and all other outreach programs possible, and we are grateful for your participation and financial support.

May God continue to bless you this week, and make you a blessing to all those you meet.

Best regards - Tony Romeo, Executive Pastor / REACH-NYC

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Thank you for helping the REACH-NYC ministry!

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