Third Annual Contest on

Drawing Peace

2011 World Drawing and Painting Contest
for Children Aged 6 to 10 Years

Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence
James Madison University
MSC 2604, Cardinal House
500 Cardinal Drive
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807, USA
Teachers and educators are invited to participate in the worldwide drawing and painting contest for children aged 6 to 10 years.

The objective of this contest is to promote a culture of nonviolence and peace by raising awareness among young children about these concepts, but also through listening to their vision and spontaneous suggestions on self-respect and respect for others, sharing, tolerance, war and peace, reconciliation….Teachers and educators participating in the contest will help children invent a story in pictures, in the form of a tale using animals, natural elements, nature, colors, and their own symbols. This story will be a collective work based on key words young children can understand. It will be made up of six drawings, each illustrating one or several of the following themes:

1. Respect for all life - respect the rights and dignity of each living entity;
2. Nonviolence - reject violence, obtain justice by convincing and understanding;
3. Sharing - develop attitudes and skills for living together in harmony, ending exclusion and oppression;
4. Listening to understand - give everyone a chance to learn and share through the free flow of information and ideas;
5. Preserving the planet - make sure that progress and development are good for everyone and for the environment;
6. Tolerance and solidarity - appreciate that people are different and that everyone has something to contribute to the community.

The drawings, with some explanations, will form a story presented as a comic strip, a fresco, or a poster, depending on the choice of the participants.

Registration and participation in the contest will take place through April 15, 2011.

The artworks will be scanned and put online on the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence website <www.jmu.edu/gandhicenter>. They will be used later in publications, exhibitions, or as promotional support material for the Gandhi Center.

In April 2011, a jury comprised of persons well-versed in the fields of the arts, humanitarian aid, and education will choose two winners per age group (6–8 year olds and 9–10 year olds). The winners will receive a prize best suited to their needs, from three types of prizes: multimedia; library/media-library; equipment and school supplies.

This contest will provide the opportunity to build a network of teachers, educators, and children working in favor of building and promoting a culture of nonviolence and peace.

* This contest is modeled on UNESCO’s “Draw me Peace” contest held in 2002.
Rules of the Contest

• **Article 1:** The drawings must be done 11 inches x 14 inches or 27.9 cm x 35.6 cm.

• **Article 2:** All possible techniques can be used to do the drawings, separately or mixed: colored felt pens, paint, color pencils, thin pasted cut-outs. However, it is recommended to use as support paper that is 200 g per m² for strength and ease of doing the artwork.

• **Article 3:** Each school may submit one drawing per age group (6–8 year olds, 9–10 year olds). Each drawing will illustrate one or several of the 6 themes (see previous page). Students may opt to create one image or to use multiple panels to tell the story of their picture on one sheet of paper.

• **Article 4:** On the back of each drawing will be included a number and a short explanation (20 words maximum), written clearly, to indicate the way to read and to present the picture (or story in picture form).

• **Article 5:** The children, in cooperation with the teachers or educators, will select the “best” drawings, so as to submit only one piece of work per age group: 6–8 year olds and 9–10 year olds.

• **Article 6:** The entries, along with the attached registration form, must be put into a big envelope. The drawings will not be returned.

• **Article 7:** The deadline for participating in the contest “Drawing Peace” is April 15, 2011. Any submission after this date will not be taken into account. The drawings must be sent to the following address:

  Contest “Drawing Peace,” c/o Josh Stairs  
  Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence  
  James Madison University  
  MSC 2604, Cardinal House  
  500 Cardinal Drive  
  Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807, USA  
  Email: GandhiCenter@jmu.edu
Hello!

You are 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 years old. You like to draw, color, or paint…

But actually what you like the most, is to listen to nice stories and look at beautiful pictures.

And if, for a change, you were the one to tell a story? You would invent it, draw it with lots and lots of colors.

If you want to, you are going to do it with your buddies and friends. Your teacher, supervisor, or educator will help you participate, all together.

And the nicest thing, is that thousands of children of your age, in all the countries of the Earth, will also invent and draw, with their friends, beautiful stories in many colors.

Then, when all the children, all over the world, will have finished their stories and drawings, their teachers, supervisors, and educators will collect them, put them in big envelopes and send them to Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA.

Harrisonburg is a small city, and in this city there is a house called the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence. There, some very nice ladies and gentlemen come to work. These ladies and gentlemen are going to receive all these beautiful stories and drawings. And they will show them all over the world, to share them with all the children of the Earth and their families.

Hope to hear from you soon. We are waiting for your story and drawings!!!
REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE CONTEST

If you submit two artworks (one for 6–8 year olds and another for 9–10 year olds),
please fill in two separate registration forms

Institution/Organization:

Name

Type
pre-school [ ] kindergarten [ ] primary school [ ] association [ ]
other (specify)

Numbers of
children [ ] teachers [ ] educators [ ] others [ ]

NAME of the person to contact

Full postal address

Country

Telephone

Fax

Email

Educators/Teachers participating:

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Mother tongue(s) of participants

Working language
**Children participating:**

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**Description of the artwork submitted**

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CONSENT FORM FOR THE CONTEST
(The completed form must accompany every entry)

Full Name of Child: ____________________________________________

Date of Birth: ____________________________ Age: _______________

I hereby grant the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University (Gandhi Center), or its assignees, permission to use my child’s artwork from the Gandhi Center Drawing Peace contest for the purpose of illustration, publication, exhibition, marketing, promotional uses or broadcast uses. I understand that, at the Gandhi Center’s discretion, the artwork may be released for use by television, radio, newspaper, magazine or other media outlets including the Web/Internet/Intranet. I warrant to the Gandhi Center that the artwork is original on my child’s part, and is in no way a violation of, or an infringement upon, any copyright belonging to any third party. I will indemnify and hold the Gandhi Center harmless from any claims of infringement of copyright by any third party regarding the artwork.

Parent or Guardian/Teacher Name: ________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________

City: _________________ State: __________ Country: _________ ZIP: ______

Signature: ________________________________ Date: ________________

For Internal Use Only:

Date received: