23rd Annual Peace Awards Dinner

April 26, 2014
6:30 PM

California State University,
Sacramento, CA
University Union, Redwood Room

Sponsored by:
Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution
**MISSION**

The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) was established in 1996 at California State University, Sacramento, to provide conflict resolution and reconciliation services for agencies, governments, institutions, businesses, civil society and community organizations and other groups through training, education, research, and intervention.

CAPCR develops curricular/materials and provides training on mediation, negotiation, arbitration, and other conflict resolution services for governmental and nongovernmental organizations, business and community groups, public and private agencies, educational institutions and allied professional associations (in US/Africa).

**GOALS**

- Develop and implement programs that educate and promote peace & conciliation among African families, organizations, community groups, and governments, both in US/Africa
- Conduct research and evaluations on African conflict situations, and serve as a clearinghouse/resource center
- Establish institutional and community network of support in US/Africa on conflict resolution and assist in creation of indigenous conflict resolution institutes in Africa
- Assist in mediation/arbitration/resolution of conflicts, with consent of disputing parties

Since CAPCR’s founding in 1996, CAPCR has developed independently, and in conjunction with other agencies, numerous major initiatives on conflict resolution, alternative dispute resolution and peace education. Our partners include the U.S. State Department and Department of Education, the U.S. Institute of Peace, USAID, JAMS Foundation, World Bank, California Wellness Foundation, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Lagos, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, the Nigerian Human Rights Commission, the University of Ghana-Legion, the Ghana Bar Association, Judiciary and Ministry of Justice, the Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators, Ethiopia Dispute Resolution Association, Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)-Kenya and Ethiopia, National University of Rwanda-Butare, The Gambia Judiciary, Addis Ababa University, the University of Liberia in Monrovia, the University of Dakar in Senegal, the African Center for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), among others.
**Key Programs**

- Annual Peace Africa/Diaspora Conference and Peace Awards at CSU-Sacramento
- Grant Projects on Alternative Dispute Resolution Training, Mentorship and System Design in Africa
- Summer Conflict Resolution (Negotiation and Mediation) Training Workshop at CSU-Sacramento
- Student Peace Education Scholarship Awards at CSU-Sacramento
- Hosting/Co-sponsorship of International Visiting scholars, leaders and graduate student researchers
- Community/School outreach for referrals and presentations on contemporary African culture and resources

A New Initiative: *The Sacramento Africa Peace Committee*—a resource for African family & community organization conflict prevention and resolution services, in collaboration with California Lawyers for the Arts/ Sacramento Mediation Center.

**The CAPCR Board:** Jessie Gaston(Chair); Maggie Beddow(Secretary); Ernest Uwazie(ex-officio/Director); Sylvester Bowie; Lisa William-White; Data Barata; Edward Lewis; Patricia Holmes; Abdul Rahim Wasi; & Tuwe Mehn.

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6:30 pm-7:25 pm Reception: (Meet & Greet w/social networking/appetizers and drinks)
Epicure restaurant, first floor

7:25 pm Mc: Mr. Jerry Blake, CSU, Sacramento

Invocation: Mr. Jon Fish, President, Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento

Welcome by Dr. Fred Baldini, Dean, College of Health & Human Services

7:30 – 8:35 pm DINNER

Slide showing of Parade of (African) Nations: Dr. Kwame Acquaah

8:10 – 8:50 pm Musical Live Music Performance: “Spirits & Souls”:
Idara with Ensemble led by Kev Choice

9:00 – 9:30 pm Peace Awards: Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Director of CAPCR

Award Presentations: Dr. Robin Carter, Associate Dean of CHHS

   Peace Leadership: Dr. Ephraim Williams
   Peace Education: Mr. Milton 510 Bowens
   Peace Service: Pastor Tim Wulah
   Peace Health & Humanitarian: Bayside Church & Faith Alive
   (Video: Keeping Faith Alive)

9:30 – 9:50 pm CAPCR 2014 Student Peace Scholarship awards:

Award Presentations: Dr. Jessie Gaston, CAPCR Board Chair

   Ms. Katrina Dentino Reyes, Criminal Justice major
   Ms. Adedamola Ilori, Engineering major

Acknowledgments by Dr. Jessie Gaston, Chair, CAPCR Board and Dr. Ernest Uwazie, CAPCR Director

10 pm – 12 midnight DANCING!! (Led by the Peace Awardees)
Dr. Ephraim Williams has served as Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church for 43 years. As Pastor of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Ephraim Williams leads one of the largest church congregations in Sacramento, with over 5000 members and more than 65 programs, services, and initiatives designed to meet the needs of people. The church offers health programs, after school academy, reading and tutorial services, clothes giveaway, emergency assistance, visitation to the sick, employment assistance, support for grandparents raising their children, and mentor programs for boys and girls.

As a firm believer in community involvement, Dr. Williams has served in numerous religious and civic organizations such as the National Baptist Convention, USA Inc, California State Baptist Convention, United Pastors of Sacramento, Northern District Baptist Association, Southern Baptist Convention, Sacramento Urban League, NAACP, Sacramento City Unified School District, Women’s Civic Improvement Center, St. Hope Academy, The Observer-Sutter Health Project, Sacramento Black Alcoholism Center, Sacramento County Jail Ministry, California Southern Baptist African American Network and Billy Graham Crusade Steering Committee. Dr. Williams established the St. Paul and Oak Park Community Outreach Program, providing after school programs, recreational, health, educational, and family support programs. He is instrumental in changing the name of Sacramento Blvd to Martin Luther King Blvd. He assisted in redistricting efforts in the City of Sacramento. He’s has raised support for a number of African American Owned Businesses.

On May 22, 2011, Dr. Williams was recognized for 40 years of service as the pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church by the Mayor of Sacramento, Kevin Johnson, by being presented with the Key to the City.
Pastor Tim Wulah is a man of many hats: He is the founder and Pastor of Friends In Jesus International Ministries; “The African Church,” a congregation of 99 percent African immigrants which is the first of its kind in the Sacramento area. He’s also former Secretary, President and Board member of the Association of Citizens and Friends of Liberia. During his presidency the association, in 1997, hosted then presidential candidate Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf in a town-hall meeting in Sacramento. Mrs. Johnson-Sirleaf is now president of Liberia. Mr. Wulah is also an Information Technology professional. For many years he has worked for the State of California, as Information Technology Specialist at the California State Legislature; Systems Software Specialist at the California Department of Technology Services, and currently a Senior Information Systems Analyst at California Department of Consumer Affairs. He has a Master’s Degree in Project Management.

Despite his many hats, his incomparable benevolence is one of his admired traits. He is a person that has denied his family in order to help others in the African community, to pay their rent, utility bills, purchase cars for work and family and other necessities, as well as sponsorship for job training. His most admired trait is his humility. The youth respect and consider him a colleague and friend because he sits and has fun with them, and respects them. Many adults also love and respect him because he’s very personable, exemplify a high degree of selflessness and service to community. Despite his very busy schedule, he goes out of his way to attend as many functions and supports most cultural and humanitarian events in the community. Pastor Tim is always engaged in the African community, inspires all leaders and organizations to be actively involved in their local or regional Sacramento community, and he actively promotes exchanges between the African diaspora and the Africa homeland, particularly Liberia.
Born and raised in Oakland, California, Milton began his formal art training at the Renaissance Art School in Oakland, CA during his Junior and Senior High School years. After high school, he was awarded a scholarship to attend the California College of Arts and Crafts; after one-year of studies, Milton enlisted in the United States Armed Forces and became an Illustrator. He received his Associate’s Degree in Commercial Art under the Army’s College Education Assistance Program (ACE). Milton continued his education in the Arts, attending college, while serving his tour of duty in the military. During this time, Miltons’ work was collected by two the military’s most prestigious museums; The John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and The Don F. Pratt Memorial Museum, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

After serving his tour of duty, Milton returned to the Bay Area and continued his education under the mentorship of fine artist, David Bradford, head of the Art department as well as an instructor at Laney College, Oakland, California. Inspired by great artists such as, Jean Michel Basquiat, Robert Rauschenberg, Romare Bearden, Jacob Lawrence and Andy Warhol, Milton changed his focus from illustration to fine art, and has become not only a great artist in his own right but a very powerful public speaker and community activist. In the fight to keep ART a vital part of public education and a tool to help rebuild self-esteem in all youth Milton, has diligently and tirelessly created exhibitions that try to bring about a level of civility to a community in need of inspiration, and the need for critical discourse on issues of equity and social justice. His art is educationally enriching and thoughtfully engaging.

Bayside Church and Faith Alive began their unique partnership in 2005, when a group from the church visited the Faith Alive Foundation Hospital-Nigeria. The Faith Alive Foundation began in 1996 when Dr. Christian Isichei, armed with $333 and a vision to build “an African Mayo Clinic” started the Faith Alive Foundation as a counseling center in a four-room donated apartment. When Bayside arrived, Dr. Chris and volunteers were treating about 50 HIV/AIDS patients a month. At the same time, Bayside was launching a 50/50 capital campaign promising to use 50% of the campaign receipts to make a difference in the community and around the world. Faith Alive Foundation Nigeria was selected as a global Bayside partner and Bayside funded a 20,000 square foot, three-story, state-of-the-art (by Nigerian standards) medical facility. A Bayside architect partnered with a Nigerian architect in the design of the hospital, and since the hospital opened in 2006, Bayside has continued to send short term mission teams to Nigeria, to assist the Faith Alive Foundation Staff and volunteers; the partnership resulted in the creation of the domestic chapter, the Faith Alive Foundation -USA.

The Faith Alive Foundation Nigeria Medical Hospital and satellite clinics (collectively “FAFN”) flourished in 2013 meeting the medical, spiritual and social needs of thousands of Nigerians in the Plateau State and neighboring States. The Faith Alive HIV/AIDS Hospital in Jos, Nigeria offers a beacon of hope to tens of thousands of Nigerians hard hit by HIV/AIDS, poverty and an ongoing ethno-religious crisis. Services are provided to all those in need, irrespective of religion and ethnicity.

In 2013, Faith Alive’s free medical care, outreach and social service programs changed lives:

- 48,242 HIV/AIDS patient visits & provision of Anti-Retroviral Drugs
- 34,632 Outpatients treated for malaria and other ailments
- 597 Surgeries
- 589 Ward (admitted into the hospital) patients
- 433 Maternity patients with 336 births and HIV transmission to less than 2%
- 28,471 At-risk Nigerians tested for HIV/AIDS
- 620 Home visits for patients too ill to travel
- 160 Skill Acquisition Students – learning a vocation to self-support
- 220 Faith Alive School students – Village’s first school
- 105 Children attend weekly “Sunday School” like program
- 2,052 Children attend Summer Carnivals/Vacation Bible School

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Musical Performance by

**IDARA**

w/Ensemble led by

**Kev Choice**

Idara is a diverse artist who describes her music as “Popular-Soul”. A UCLA graduate & professional singer who has been writing her own songs & playing piano since childhood, she is proud to present songs from her new album “Spirits & Souls” with an Ensemble led by Kev Choice, who is the producer of the project as well as a man of many musical hats (emcee, pianist, producer, musical director to name a few). Their collaboration brings Idara’s music to life. Her songs ask only that you open your heart, and your ears…and simply enjoy.

**THE SONGS**

- Spirits and Souls
- Nice
- Middle Ground
- Dream Girl
- Pure
- Little Afro Boy
- Music Man
- P.O.V. (Point of View)
- Thorned Rose
- Unlikely Love
- Wake-up Call

**THE PLAYERS**

- Lead Vocals – Idara Udoffia
- Musical Director/Keys – Kev Choice
- Drums – John Adams
- Bass – Uriah Duffy
- Guitar – Andrew Levin
- Trombone – Clifford Childers
- Saxophone – Howard Wiley
- Backing Vocals – Tiffany Austin
- Backing Vocals – Kimiko Joy
Acknowledgments

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Room set up/coordination: Tuwe Mehn
Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Jerry Blake
Program Design/layout: Mr. Jerry Blake
Musical Performance: Ms. Idara & Ensemble led by Kev Choice
Catering (African food): Lilyz Catering-Sacramento (916-612-7913)
DJ: Ken Enuka (Dr. Rock!)
Video recording: Sacramento Educational Cable Commission (Doug Niva)
African Parade of Nations: Dr. Kwame Acquaah
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