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Interfaith Musical Tribute 2012

*Increasing Harmony and Understanding
in Our Communities*

As Interfaith Month 2012 drew to a close, people gathered in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on Temple Square, Sunday, February 26, for the long-awaited Musical Tribute. This year marked the tenth anniversary of the tribute, a tradition that started with the first tribute, which was held the evening before the start of the Salt Lake 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Every year attendance grows, and this year was no exception. An almost complete capacity crowd filled the beautiful LDS Tabernacle facility, even as the Academy Awards were being aired during the same time slot. The audience enjoyed a wonderfully inspirational evening, full of international music, song, dance, scriptures, and prayers, presented by a variety of faiths from around the Greater Salt Lake area.

A quiet musical interlude by Tabernacle organist, Bonnie Goodliffe, greeted people as they gathered and settled in anticipation for yet another wonderful event. KSL Television's Carol Mikita was the Master of



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Wayne Gardner, a Northern Piute, playing the Indigenous People's flute

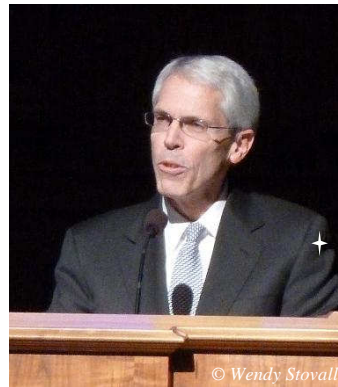


Wayne Gardner (left), with Lacee Harris, a Northern Ute and Northern Piute, and board member of the Interfaith Roundtable

Ceremonies, welcomed everyone then introduced Wayne Gardner, a Northern Piute, who played the Indigenous People's flute. The opening prayer was given by Lacee Harris, who is a Northern Ute and Northern Piute, as well as a board member of the Interfaith Roundtable.

Elder Gary L. Crittenden, Area Seventy, of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, greeted everyone warmly. He was followed by Elaine Emmi, a Quaker and Roundtable Secretary, who gave a brief history of the Interfaith Roundtable since its inception with the 2002 Olympics.

The musical presentations began with the Ogden Buddhist Taiko Drum group, who performed "Ashura and Hachi Jo Island Tribute," directed by Stan Hirai.



Elder Gary L. Crittenden



Elaine Emmi, Secretary for the Interfaith Roundtable



Ogden Buddhist Taiko Drum group





Idlewild

The energetic pace of the drums was followed by a musical group, “Idlewild,” who played a medley of Celtic songs. The group consisted of Carol Sharpe on the Celtic harp; David Sharp playing a Celtic flute; Theresa Lynn Welsh playing the violin; and Pat Leary on the guitar.

The audience was then inspired by Kutrala Kuravanji – Utah Tamil Sangam, who performed a dance to the song, “*Pachai Malia Pavazha*,” which was directed by Anuradha Narayanan and choreographed by the Divya School of Dance.

Dressed in black with red scarves, the Chancel Choir of the Unitarian Church of Salt Lake and their soloist, Erin O’Connell, sang “*Liberty and Justice*,” by David Owens.



Utah Tamil Sangam



Chancel Choir of the Unitarian Church of Salt Lake



Aden Batar, Vice President of the Islamic Society and member of the Interfaith Roundtable, read from the Quran in Arabic and English.

The Jambo African Drummers, Utah refugees from Burundi, then led everyone to their home, skipping, jumping, and playing large drums balanced on their heads, as they performed their traditional drum dances.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Primary choir, composed of children ages 7-12 from the East Millcreek, East Millcreek North, Holladay North, Canyon Rim, and Monument Park Stakes, sang “*Primary Medley*,” arranged by Dean Kaelin, who played the piano. It was directed by Susan Kaelin.

The audience was then moved by the elegant Khemera Dance Troupe, who performed “*Robaim Choun Por*,” (a classical Cambodian Blessing Dance). The performers, Sinoeun Poeut, Sovanny May, Jenny Hor, Julie Hor, Samnang Loeung, Londa Loeung, and Rannie Sin, were directed by Chanda Chon.



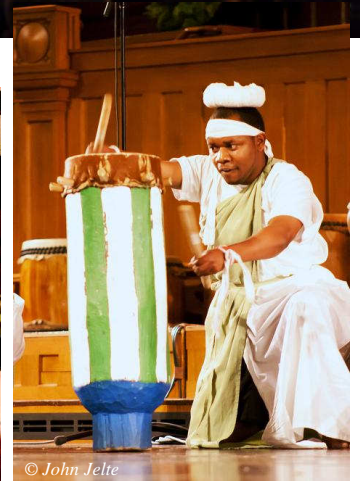
Aden Batar, Vice President of the Islamic Society and member of the Interfaith Roundtable



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The Jambo African Drummers

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Primary Choir



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Khemera Dance Troupe



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J.B. Singh, an Interfaith Roundtable board member (left), translates for Gurmeet Singh Garib

Gurmeet Singh Garib, Head Priest of the Sikh Temple of Utah, read a Sikh Blessing in Punjabi. It was then translated into English by J.B. Singh, an Interfaith Roundtable board member, while Sikhs in the audience stood up in reverence.

The Tribute then changed paced with a performance by the Reformations Ringers, who performed “*Fantasy on Kingsfold*,” arranged for bells by H. Dean Wagner and directed by Claudette Rothwell. The Reformations Ringers are comprised of bell ringers from three Protestant Reformed Tradition churches: Wasatch Presbyterian (SLC), Hilltop Methodist (Sandy), and Community Methodist (Ogden).

Desert Wind, representing the Jewish faith, performed “*Od Teshuvah*,” composed by Alan Scott Bachman. The performers were Alan and Andalin Bachman, Raj Harrous, Bryan Bale, Adrian Lambrinos, Dean Kaelin, and Ali Harber.

Alan Bachman, Interfaith Roundtable Chair followed Desert Wind’s performance with the evening closing remarks. He said that the connection between Interfaith Month and Black History Month goes beyond their both being observed in February: “As the Interfaith Movement strives for peace between faiths and belief systems, we must learn to be as steadfast as people like



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The Reformations Ringers

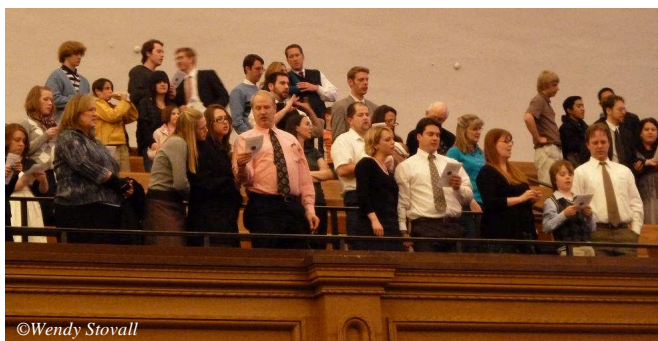


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Desert Wind



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(abolitionist) Frederick Douglass and (suffragist) Susan B. Anthony, who spent decades pursuing their dreams of a better world.”

For the finale, the children’s choir sang “*Let there be Peace on Earth*,” while David Parker, Ed. D., translated the words into



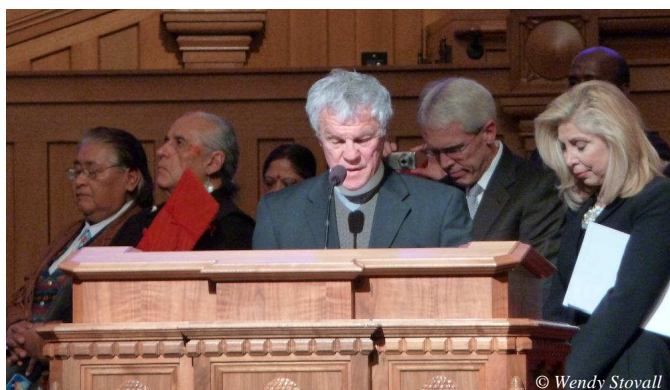
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David Parker

American Sign Language with great enthusiasm. The audience joined in singing with the children for the second round.

Rev. Canon W. Ivan Cendese, Executive Director of the Interfaith Roundtable, gave the benediction, which was based on the Prayer of St. Francis, bringing to a close a wonderful event, with Bonnie Goodliffe playing the organ postlude as people departed.

Overall, the event was very moving, and the Roundtable has received many positive comments. We are grateful for all the participants as well as those who spent countless hours volunteering their time to make it happen.



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Rev. Canon W. Ivan Cendese, Executive Director of the Interfaith Roundtable



The Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable Meet the Board Members

~ Susan Cook Northway

In 2005, under Bishop George Niederauer, Susan Cook Northway was called to be the Director of the Office of Religious Education for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City.

Her background includes many years in Catholic education as a teacher of music, Scripture, and Catholic morality and ethics.

She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Drake University, and a Master of Religious Education degree from Loyola University, New Orleans.

Susan's ministry includes responsibility for the curriculum design for Catholic youth, with a particular emphasis on the formation of catechists, or parish and mission teachers, of the faith.

In 2006, the Office of Religious Education launched a four-year lay ecclesial ministry formation program for adults. Its mission was to form lay leaders to serve the Catholic Church in Utah. Collaborating with the University of Notre Dame Office of Church Life, Susan helped establish a blended, online/on-site theological study program that meets national standards for lay ministry certification.

In addition to her administrative duties, Susan is a member of the Curia, which is made up of Diocesan advisors serving the Most Reverend John C. Wester, Ninth Bishop of Utah. Each year, she is responsible for organizing the Annual Pastoral Con-

gress: a day of study and prayer for some 700 participants from all over the state. A member of the National Association for Lay Ministry, and the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership, she also serves on the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

Susan fosters collaboration with the Congar Institute for Ministry Development, a Southern Dominican ministry, based in San Antonio, Texas. "The Congar Institute has over 100 Resource Persons who consult and offer their specialized services to ministry formation programs like ours in this 85,000 square-mile Diocese. I work with the Institute to plan days of retreat, study opportunities, and other specialized training for our lay leaders. With their assistance, we continue to enlarge our adult faith formation program and expand our Hispanic Ministry outreach."

A native of the Chicago North Shore, Susan has lived in Utah since 1976. She is married to Ernie Northway, and has three children and eleven grandchildren.

Religious Holidays



June 2012

- 3 Trinity Sunday (*Christian*)
- Pentecost (*Orthodox Christian*)
- 7 Corpus Christi (*Catholic Christian*)
- 9 Saint Columba of Iona (*Christian*)
- 10 All Saints (*Orthodox Christian*)
- 15 Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Catholic Christian*)
- 16 Lailat al Miraj * ** (*Islam*)
- Guru Arjan Dev martyrdom (*Sikh*)
- 19 New Church Day (*Swedenborgian Christian*)
- 20 **Day of All True Things** – 50th Anniversary
(*Unification Church*) (5-1 Lunar)
- HSA-UWC Foundation Day – 58th Anniversary
(*Unification Church*) (5-1 Lunar)
- Solstice Litha * (*Wicca/Pagan*) northern hemisphere
- Yule * (*Wicca/Pagan*) southern hemisphere
- 29 Saints Peter and Paul (*Christian*)

* Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before

** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date

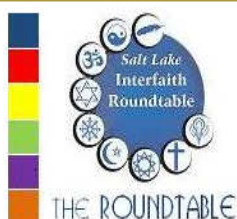
Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition

July 2012

- 3 **Asalha Puja Day** ** (*Buddhist*)
- 4 Lailat at Bara'ah * ** (*Islam*)
- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab * (*Baha'i*)
- 13-16 **Obon** ** (*Buddhist - Shinto*)
- 15 Saint Vladimir Day (*Christian*)
- 23 **Ramadan Begins** * ** (*Islam*)
- 23 Emperor Haile Selassie I birthday (*Rastafari*)
- 24 Pioneer Day (*Mormon Christian*)
- 25 Saint James the Great Day (*Christian*)
- 29 Tisha B'Av * (*Judaism*)

August 2012

- 1 Fast in Honor of Holy Mother of Jesus (*Orthodox Christian*)
- Lammas (*Christian*)
- 1 Raksha Bandhan ** (*Hindu*)
- Lugnassad - Imbolc * (*Wicca/Pagan Northern and southern hemispheres*)
- 6 Transfiguration of the Lord (*Orthodox Christian*)
- 10 **Krishna Janmashtami** ** (*Hindu*)
- 14 Lailat al Kadr * ** (*Islam*)
- 15 Assumption of Virgin Mary (*Catholic Christian*)
- Dormition of the Theotokos (*Orthodox Christian*)
- 18 **7.1 Jeol** (Declaration Day of God's Eternal Blessing – 22nd Anniversary
(*Unification Church*) (7-1 Lunar)
- 19-21 **Eid al Fitr** * ** (*Islam*)
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist (*Christian*)



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