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Peace Economy Project Cut Military Spending. Fund Human Needs.



"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares..."

Charlie King, Karen Brandow Return to Nerinx



Saturday, March 2, 2013 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm

Nerinx Hall 530 E Lockwood Ave, Webster Groves, MO



Charlie King and Karen Brandow are musical storytellers and political satirists. Their repertoire covers a century and a half and four continents. They perform with the sweet and precise harmony of life partners. They sing and write passionately about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people.

- DONATION PRICES -INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$18 in advance / \$20 at the door FAMILY/FRIEND PACK **\$40** for four / bring the next generation STUDENT DISCOUNT \$10 with student I.D.

For more information or to purchase tickets call PEP at **314-**314.726.6406 or visit us onling: peaceeconomyproject.org

All proceeds benefit the Peace Economy Project

Heagney Theatre at Nerinx Hall will once again be filled with the sounds of Charlie King and Karen Brandow on Saturday, March 2nd. Annual visitors to St. Louis, Charlie and Karen have been performing together since 1998, telling the stories of ordinary people through song with the added punch of political satire.

This concert event will also mark PEP's annual silent auction fundraiser, with all proceeds from the concert and auction benefiting continued efforts to provide education and awareness of the dangers of a growing military industrial complex.

Tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased from our website event page here. Buy your tickets now to reserve your seat, then invite your friends and family to this once a year event. Doors open at 7 p.m., concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

Meet the New PEP Director, Jasmin Maurer

This has been an exciting time for me as I get my feet wet with what it means to be the new PEP director. I joined the organization over the summer as a lobby intern, but had been connected with it through my work with Young Activists United

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Cut Pentagon waste, preserve domestic programs

Congress put up roadblocks and diverted us away from the fiscal cliff, but the rerouted course isn't safe yet. Sequestration still looms on the horizon unless Congress can reach an alternative. On the discretionary spending chopping block are domestic programs and the Pentagon budget.

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Sign On to Tell **Congress to Cut** Military Spending; **Fund Human Needs**



St. Louis for awhile now. It's always been an organization that I admired in the community. Who else is reminding us of the dangers of unchecked military spending? Not too many other places around here.

I'm glad that there are people promoting this cause, though. I didn't intuitively know that our military spending was outrageous. This is a real revelation, right? What happened was I was interested in environmental concerns and ending wars, so I went to a workshop about how the military aids in environmental degradation, and this idea of the military-

industrial complex was introduced to me there.

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Poetry as release: Interview with poet, Deborah Mashibini from Women for Peace



by Katerina Canyon, PEP International Affairs Intern

The Peace Economy
Project hosted female
poets from the St.
Louis area to read
poetry that highlighted
the vulnerabilities

women in war zones face every day. The purpose of this reading was to shed light on the suffering of civilian women in war zones. The reading featuring local poets, Deborah Mashibini, Susan Lively and Erin Goss was held at GYA/Yeyo Arts Collective. What follows is an interview with Deborah Mashibini, one of the featured poets:

Katerina Canyon:

How does the subject of women suffering violence in war zones touch you?

Deborah Mashibini:

This is a guestion that is not easy to answer with a simple, or single, response.

On the one hand the subject of women suffering violence in war zones doesn't touch me because my life is so privileged. I am a white American living in the midst of the USA at a time when the likelihood of my having to directly face that kind or level of violence is practically nil.

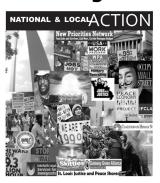
On the other end of the spectrum I could say something about the fact that violence against women anywhere touches women everywhere.... I know I have heard that before; though I honestly think that sentiment is pretty empty and meaningless when weighed against the reality of the actual violence women in war zones face - minute by minute, hour by hour.

To read the full interview, click here.

Share your thoughts on sequester

Educate others by submitting your letters to the editor about why we should cut Pentagon spending and not domestic spending. Check out the New Priorities Network's Toolkit for tips on how to draft your letter, and share.it.with.PEP when it's published.

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Peace, Poverty, People and our National Priorities

Missouri Works for Medicaid Expansion

Across the state of Missouri, people are hitting the streets and the phones to urge their legislators to vote in favor of expanding Medicaid in Missouri.

<u>Learn more about these</u> <u>efforts here.</u>

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The Peace Economy Project is a non-profit, grassroots organization that researches military spending and the military-industrial complex, educates about military spending and advocates for a peace-based, rather than a war-based, economy. PEP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible. Donations to support the work of the Peace Economy Project may be sent to our office at:

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