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Dear UNA-USA Members and Friends,

Congratulations to UNA Brooklyn, NYC, Queens, Westchester and our Nassau group for excellent October events celebrating the 66th anniversary of the founding of the UN ! Our Division also co-sponsored the premiere of Decorum (about Model UN), an event on Eleanor Roosevelt and one on UN Special Rapporteurs.

YOU ARE INVITED -

On Saturday, November 12 the Division will co-sponsor the [Fifth Annual Festival of Universal Sacred Music](#), at Symphony Space in Manhattan. Come meet with UNA friends and other members of the audience, and enjoy a musical, multicultural experience that reflects a culture of peace. Join us at this free ["Wall to Wall" Concert, from 2 pm to 10 pm](#). (Come when you can.) To learn more, see the article below.

UNA has published the 2011-2012 issue of "A Global Agenda: Issues Before the United Nations." It is an excellent background document for Model UN groups and anyone interested in learning about current issues. Distinguished writers cover topics ranging from the uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa to global health issues. [To learn more or to purchase, click here.](#)

If you are not a UNA-USA member, don't delay - join today! - see the box at the bottom of the newsletter. If you are a member, please help recruit others. We need to show strong support for the

Featured Article

Music can be so inspirational that it makes us consider how we can work toward a culture of peace.

Let's join together on November 12 at Symphony Space.

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UN at this time when it is being challenged by Congress.

Save the Date - November 30 for the Division's Annual Meeting. Confirmation of venue pending. The Annual Meeting will include elections of officers and board members.

To keep current, see and sign up for the Division's Blog and UNAEnergy Blog and Twitter (@UNAEnergy, "like" our Facebook Page, United Nations Association of the USA Southern New York State Division and join our Linked In group.

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5th Festival of Universal Sacred Music at Symphony Space

DATE: Saturday, November 12

TIME: 2pm to 10pm.

WHERE: Peter Jay Sharp Theatre
Symphony Space

95th Street and Broadway in Manhattan.

FREE

Jazz, Choral, Gospel, Indian, Israeli, more! Featured performers will be: Anonymous 4, Deepak Kumar Pareek, The New York Virtuoso Singers, with James Adams on organ, The Riverside Church Inspirational Choir, Maya Raviv, The Canticum Novum Youth Choir, The Western Wind, Catherine Russell, Roger Davidson, David Newman, Thomas McCargar with Brent Funderburk on piano, and the music of Sharon Farber with Omar Faruk Tekbilek, David Kontesz and Freddy Schifftan as principal instrumentalists. To learn more click here for the [Timing For Festival Performers](#)

Enjoy a special treat during the performance in the inner lobby: a photography show about the nature of light by Aicha Skandrani, a highly inspired Tunisian born artist who currently lives in France.

Registration is not needed, but please email: unasouthernny@gmail.com to let us know we should look for you! and stop by our table at the event. We would like to get to know you.

UNA-Energy

UNA Energy, our project to reduce energy consumption in the U.S. and elsewhere in the west, and to ensure adequate energy to developing countries, is starting to collaborate with Pace University Law School's acclaimed program in environmental law. To start we've added an RSS feed from Pace's Greenlaw blog to our blog as well as Google's Greenblog, which currently features a geothermal map of the United States. Visit and subscribe to: <http://UNAenergy.wordpress.com> and follow our Twitter - @UNAenergy.

Planning for Human Rights Day?

A German non-profit has produced an excellent, brief (8 min 40 sec), animated overview of human rights. It's worth sharing with teachers, students, Model UN participants and anyone interested in knowing more about the scope and history of our Human Rights

It's on our Division's YouTube Channel and can be directly viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbu13hxYGNU>

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Nov. 8 - The UN Foundation - UNA-USA are holding the Global Leadership Awards Dinner at the Pierre Hotel. Speaker will be His Excellency Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Ministry of Norway. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will be the honored guest. For information about this major fundraiser for UNA, email: UNF-UNADINNER@unfoundation.org or phone: 800-549-3199

Tuesday, Nov. 8 - UNA-Southern NY Young Professionals will hold their Friends of Africa Benefit Gala 2011, Tickets may be purchased [here](#) . The event will honor Kennedy Odede, president and CEO of Shining Hope and Founder of the Kibera School for Girls in Kenya and Senior at Wesleyan University. Patrick Hayford, Director, UN Office of the Special Adviser on Africa will be keynote speaker. A portion of receipts will go to the Nothing but Nets campaign of the UN Foundation.

WHERE: The Edgar J. Kaufmann Conference Facility at the Institute of International Education, located at 809 United Nations Plaza (1st Ave between 45th & 46th streets), New York, NY

November 9 - 10 - The UNA-USA Council of Chapters and Regions Steering Committee will meet in New York. The CCR-SC will discuss UNA-USA plans for 2012.

November 12 - 5th Festival of Universal Sacred Music. See above for information.

November 30 - (To be confirmed) - UNA Southern NYS Division Annual Meeting.

WE ALSO RECOMMEND

November 3 - 22 - Global Watch Film Festival at the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville. (Westchester County) A signature documentary series-with 21 powerful films and 8 evenings of discussion on topics ranging from Pacific Northwest environmental activism to a surprisingly joyful band of paraplegic musicians in the Congo. For information and to purchase tickets [click here](#).

November 12-13 - Westchester Philharmonic - Conductor Tomomi Nishimoto (a young Japanese woman who enjoys celebrity status in Japan) will lead the Philharmonic. Featuring harpist Ann Hobson Pilot, the first African-American woman to hold a principal chair in a major symphony orchestra. Ms. Hobson Pilot is a groundbreaking artist and music educator. A film about her life will be shown as part of the preconcert event. She will join the audience for a discussion on how the world of classical music has become more diverse and more welcoming for minority musicians. For information [click here](#).

Join Here

Remember to renew your membership and be sure to invite others to join. Your voice needed to help promote solid US-UN relations.

Go to: [UNA-USA JOIN](#) - **On the secure website, for Chapter Selection, go to NY and choose #462 - S. NYState Division. If you're a young professional, be sure to check that box.** If you prefer sending a check to joining online, please print, complete and mail this [.pdf UNA-USA application](#).

Then help start a new chapter in an area that lacks one, or come to an event, take a leadership role or write a letter to an editor and to your congressional representative and Senators! Or you can just support the United Nations through your membership.

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