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# Friendship Ambassadors Foundation

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## **INTERNATIONAL CONCERT AND AWARDS CEREMONY: UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, NYC, JUNE 12, 2008, CONFERENCE ROOM 4, 6PM.**

**U.N. STAFF AND GENERAL AUDIENCE INVITED TO ENJOY 200+ INTERNATIONAL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS. FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE 2008 FRIENDSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY AS PART OF ITS 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY: UNITED CULTURES IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS.**

RECIPIENTS OF THE 2008 FRIENDSHIP AWARDS INCLUDE:

- **Ms. Tsu-Wei Chang** (retiring U.N. staff and head, U.N. Women's Guild),
- **Mr. Gordon Tapper** (retired Chief, U.N. Facilities and Pres., Give Them A Hand Foundation), and
- **Mr. Jeffery Huffines** (U.N. representative, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the U.S. and Chair, NGODPI Executive Committee)

The 2008 *Friendship Awards* recognize and applaud members of the extended United Nations family who have done so much to promote a Cultural and Civil Society 'face' for the U.N., especially here at Headquarters. They represent the spirit of inclusion for all that has made the pathway to peace a smoother road to tread. This award honors their service to the U.N.'s Secretariat and related NGO community; it thanks them for their volunteer efforts on our behalf.

### **INTERNATIONAL PERFORMING ENSEMBLES INCLUDE:**

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| ~ Reykjavik Opera Choir (IS)            | ~ Skagfirska Songvertin Reykjavik (IS) |
| ~ Gospel Sisters Reykjavik (IS)         | ~ Landsvirkjunarkonning Choir (IS)     |
| ~ Haapaniemen Youth Wind Orchestra (FI) | ~ Youth Band for United Nations (USA)  |

Presenters among U.N. staff and Permanent Missions to be announced. United Nations staff and the general public are all invited to attend; suggested donation is \$10 pp, RSVP required for those who will require invitation cards from FAF to enter the building: [UCPEACE@FAF.ORG](mailto:UCPEACE@FAF.ORG).

Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Inc. (FAF; [www.faf.org](http://www.faf.org)) is an NGO in operational relations with UNESCO and associate of the United Nations Department of Public Information. The foundation is celebrating 35 years promoting peace through cultural exchange. FAF's founder, Ms. Cappy Devlin, will host the evening with the current FAF Board of Directors; Patrick Sciarratta, the foundation's Executive Director, celebrating 15 years leading the foundation in 2008, will act as M.C.

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