

CITYarts®

50 STATES OF PEACE

Pieces for Peace Project
CITYarts 50 States of Peace Initiative

CITYarts' *Young Minds Build Bridges* Program, with youth around the world, was created following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Following the harsh reality of the pandemic years, we feel a need to unite our youth in the 50 States as well. Starting with a one-hour-long art workshop, CITYarts *Pieces of Peace* give youth a voice to build bridges of cultural understanding and bring them into contact and dialogue with each other through making art, displaying art in exhibitions, and creating permanent Peace Walls, making a lasting impact in their communities as leaders of today and legends of tomorrow.

CITYarts 50 States of Peace consists of five parts and is recommended for youth aged 12-20.
You can do one of the steps or all!

1. WORKSHOPS



Youth from around the 50 States will participate in one-hour-long workshops in which they create artworks that answer the question: **“What does peace look like to me?”**

To date, CITYarts has received over **10,000** artworks from over **1,400** schools and community organizations in **120** countries on **6** continents. Now we go National to unite for peace.

2. ONLINE MOSAIC WALL



Mail or email your *Pieces for Peace* artworks to CITYarts and we will add them to the CITYarts Online Exhibition, joining over **10,000** *Pieces for Peace* by youth from around the world and the USA!

It can be viewed at www.cityarts.org/young-minds-build-bridges or scan the QR code.



Congratulations! After completing Parts One and Two, you are officially an important part of CITYarts' 50 States of Peace Initiative. **The next 3 parts are optional** — you can do some, none, or all of them, but we hope you'll join us in creating them!

3. PEACEPALS



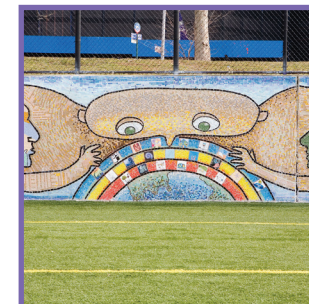
Youth who have created an artwork can explore our Online Exhibition and they can **exchange their visions of peace with another youth participant** through our **PeacePals** Initiative, bringing them into contact and dialogue with each other through the creation of art.

4. TRAVELING EXHIBITION



You may host CITYarts' Traveling Exhibition of **300** *Pieces for Peace* artworks by youth from around the world. Your students' *Pieces for Peace* artworks will hang alongside our exhibition. Invite the community to come and celebrate the visions of peace.

5. PEACE WALLS



In collaboration with a professional artist, your school, other schools in your city, and with community members, the ideas formulated in the CITYarts *Pieces for Peace* workshop will inspire the Peace Wall — a permanent mural to be painted on a selected wall in the community.

We hope that youth will “hold hands” around the 50 States and the world through their *Pieces for Peace* visions, which are now in **120** countries and **15** states. More and more pieces will be created during our ongoing workshops, giving youth a visual voice through the creation of permanent Peace Walls with local youth and artists. Our exhibition will continue to travel and grow as it visits more locations nationally and internationally. It will activate children's minds to become positive contributors in shaping the future in *all 193 countries under the United Nations' flag* and through **CITYarts 50 States of Peace Initiative**, we hope that one Peace Wall will be created in each state.

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