

Peace Days 2020: Kevin Raphael joins the team of ambassadors consisting of Kim Thúy, YidLife Crisis, Will Prosper, and Catherine D'Amours

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Under the theme "United and Committed to Peace!", the sixth edition of [Peace Days](#), an initiative of the [Peace Network for Social Harmony](#), will be held from September 17 to October 17, 2020. Peace Days is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on peace and illuminate the city of Montreal through the many activities offered by over 40 grassroots partners.

The rich and diverse [programming](#) includes more than 50 events grouped under four main categories: In Dialogue, Learning, Community, and Arts and Culture. Due to current circumstances, many of these events will take place online.

Ambassadors 2020

Comedian and host Kevin Raphael joins the 2020 team of ambassadors, as do documentary filmmaker, journalist and civil and human rights activist Will Prosper and multidisciplinary artist [Catherine D'Amours](#), who has created this year's visuals.

Author and TV host Kim Thúy as well as Jamie Elman and Eli Batalion, co-creators of the [YidLife Crisis](#) web series, are ambassadors of Peace Days for a second year.

Citations from all ambassadors

"Peace Days are an occasion to stop collectively, exchange, listen and learn. When the opportunity to

become an ambassador presented itself, I accepted without hesitation, my goal being to be an agent of change. Our world is fractured by disputes, inequalities and injustices, which, on a global or local scale, govern our daily lives. That is why it is important to take a step back on these special days, and it is an honour for me to be a Peace Days ambassador."

— Kevin Raphael

"Peace can never be taken for granted. Like a human being, it needs to be nourished every day if we are to keep it alive and healthy. Like a birthday, we celebrate peace once a year in order to highlight it, to give thanks for the radiance it provides us, and to remember that it is our source of light. Let us be many to make it grow, to preserve it, to make it shine."

— Kim Thúy

"It is our pleasure and our honour to be selected as ambassadors of Peace Days for the second straight year—guess we did something right last time (we think it had to do with babka). To misquote a classic Jewish question: 'Why is this year different from all other years?' As we say in Yiddish, 'Oy.' 2020 has flipped the world on its axis. Despite the perfect storm of unique adversities of this time and all the 'novel' elements we must take into account as a society, you might argue that—despite our physical limitations—there has never been a greater time to unite and find commonality between us all. This year, Peace Days will adapt, as we have all had to, even further into the digital realm. But while the programming is, for some parts, virtual, the content is the real deal: thought-provoking and inspiring. Stay well (but six feet away from us, *s'il vous plaît*)."

— YidLife Crisis

"Our solidarity commitment to the struggles of the oppressed is the only way to alleviate the suffering inflicted on others. We sometimes feel a privileged sense of peace, a sense that we cannot fully attain as long as we ignore the suffering and oppression that others endure. The long and thorny road to the quest for human harmony can only be travelled by being committed to solidarity against the suffering of others. Without this quest for justice, there is no peace. My commitment to Peace Days is a way of asserting once again that achieving peace requires awareness, reflection and concrete action."

— Will Prosper

"More than ever, solidarity between all societies is necessary. More than ever, as artists, we should commit ourselves to anchoring our approaches in current events. More than ever, I believe that we should all participate in this dialogue of peace and universal love."

— Catherine D'Amours

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About Peace Days

In 1981, the United Nations declared September 21st to be the International Day of Peace. The day provides an opportunity to highlight and encourage the development of projects and initiatives aimed at creating a kinder, more peaceful and more harmonious society.

Since 2015, the Peace Network for Social Harmony has had the pleasure of coordinating Montreal's Peace Days' activities, including events on the International Day of Peace itself. The Network feels privileged to work with so many wonderful partners in this initiative, including those from the community,

cultural, educational, and philanthropic sectors. These partners organize an array of activities each year that enable Montrealers to contemplate and take concrete action for peace.

The Peace Network for Social Harmony assembles these activities under the banner of [Peace Days](#); it is a special moment on the calendar to highlight the peace builders of our city and their tremendous initiatives.

Lead partner: The Dym Family Foundation

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About the Peace Network for Social Harmony

The [Peace Network for Social Harmony](#) is a group of philanthropic foundations as well as institutional and corporate actors working together to accompany, support and provide greater visibility and recognition to practical and proven peace initiatives in the areas of violence prevention, diversity and inclusion, and peace promotion. Since 2009, the Network has been working to improve collaboration among those working in this field (NGOs, researchers, government, municipalities, educational and cultural centres, etc.) to enable the emergence of a stronger voice for peace in action. The Peace Network for Social Harmony collaborates on a recurring basis on various initiatives and carries out its projects throughout the year.

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