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JAZZ FOR JUSTICE PROJECT'S OCTOBER EVENTS TO BENEFIT WAR-AFFECTED NORTHERN UGANDA

Between October 2 -17, 2008, the Jazz for Justice Project will host several events at the University of Tennessee and within the wider Knoxville community to raise awareness and funds to benefit war-affected northern Uganda.

- On **Thursday, October 2, 2008**, there will be a **free screening of the award-winning film *War Dance*** at 8PM at the International House. Several students who have traveled to northern Uganda will share their experiences on the role of music and the arts for psycho-social healing and discuss upcoming opportunities to travel to Uganda.
- On **Friday, October 3, 2008**, Unarmed Merchants on Gay Street in downtown Knoxville will hold an **art and photo exhibit** on Uganda in conjunction with Knoxville's "First Friday" event. More than twenty of Jazz for Justice's photos from Uganda will be displayed. The event will take place from 6-9PM.
- On **Thursday, October 16, 2008**, the Jazz for Justice Project (JfJ), in conjunction with the Howard Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy and Ready for the World, will host a **conference** on innovative and creative approaches to peacebuilding and development with a particular focus on one of the world's most challenging conflict zones, Africa's Great Lakes region. The conference will take place from 2-6 PM at the University of Tennessee in the University Center's Shiloh room with a reception to follow. The conference is free and open to the public, and features leading speakers from Uganda and Washington, DC.
- On Friday, October 17, 2008, big names in jazz, blues, and reggae will lend their talents to benefit the children of war-torn northern Uganda. The **third annual 'Jazz for Justice' concert** kicks off at 8 p.m. at the new venue Barataria (formerly Blue Cats) in Old City, Knoxville. To make the event even more memorable, the 'Jazz for Justice' concert will serve as Barataria's Grand Opening event. This year's line-up includes include Jeff Coffin of Bela Fleck and the Flecktones; the R.B. Morris Band with Hector Qirko; the Natti Love Joys; Jeff Sipe with Vince Llagan and Mike Seal; and many more. Tickets, \$10 for students and \$15 for non-students, will be sold at the door. All of the proceeds from JfJ concerts benefit the Northern Ugandan Girls' Education Network (NUGEN).

For a complete list of conference speakers and musicians, please visit the Jazz for Justice website, www.knoxjazzforjustice.org. For more information, contact Dr. Rosalind Hackett, rhackett@utk.edu; Lindsay McClain, lmclai4@utk.edu; or Erin Bernstein, ebernste@utk.edu.