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Rick DellaRatta
Jazz For Peace Benefit Concert



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Welcome From The President

On behalf of Nevada Youth Alliance (NYA) Board of Directors I am pleased to recognize you as our Honorary V.I.P. Guests. Tonight it is our *desire to not only extend honors but to share an entertaining and enlightening evening* with you. To this end we have invited the world class Jazz musician and philanthropist Mr. Rick DellaRatta of Jazz For Peace.

Rick's exceptional musical tours have benefitted hundreds of deserving organizations around the world. NYA is truly grateful to have received his esteemed support for this event. NYA has served Clark County and the surrounding area for over fifteen years. The collaborative efforts and partnerships we have forged with many of you here today have served to enhance the quality of life in the communities of our target population of under-severed families.

We are proud of the work we have accomplished with you throughout the great state of Nevada and with the help of our executive and advisory board we will continue to develop fresh ideas and concepts to continue to move forward.

As our Honorary V.I.P. Guest we would like for you to relax and enjoy the range of festivities for this special evening dedicated to you.

With Sincere Regards,

David Osman
President
Nevada Youth Alliance

Jazz For Peace Benefit Concert Program

Honorary V.I.P. Guest Mixer

6:30pm

Welcome

Honorary V.I.P. Celebrity Hostess

Genevieve

Silent Auction

Bidding Begins

Honorary V.I.P. Guest Concert

7:45pm

Welcome

Honorary V.I.P. Emcee

Gary Waddell

Former Anchor KLAS TV8 News NOW

Office of Senator Harry Reid

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City of North Las Vegas

Proclamation Presentation

Honorary V.I.P. Guest Speaker

Dr. Sonya Horsford

Senior Resident Scholar

The Lincy Institute at UNLV

Rick DellaRatta Jazz For Peace

8:00pm

Silent Auction Ends

8:45pm

Rick DellaRatta Jazz For Peace

9:00:pm



Gary Waddell

Gary Waddell has lived in Southern Nevada for 41 years and anchored the news on 8NewsNow for 32 of those years, retiring in August of this year.

He is the longest running news anchor in Southern Nevada history, and won numerous awards over the years.

He was inducted into the KLAS TV Hall of Fame in 1996, The Nevada Broadcaster's Hall of Fame in 1997 and this year The Associated Press Television and Radio Hall of Fame, with the Mark Twain award.

Gary has been involved in a number of charitable organizations over the years, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, United Way, Kids Voting and the CASA Foundation.

His home will continue to be Southern Nevada, and he looks forward to continuing to make a contribution to the community for years to come.

October 19, 2012



Sonya Douglass Horsford

Dr. Sonya Douglass Horsford is a senior resident scholar of education with The Lincy Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where she focuses on the history of education in the U.S., politics of education, and role of schools in society. She currently serves as principal investigator of a Spencer Foundation funded research study entitled, "Losing in Las Vegas: Educational Inequality, Ideology, and Reform in the West," which examines the social and community forces and school-district led reforms that have sought to provide greater educational equality and opportunity in Southern Nevada.

Dr. Horsford's research has been featured in journals such as Educational Administration Quarterly, Urban Education, The Urban Review, and Journal of Negro Education. She is editor of the book, *New Perspectives in Educational Leadership: Exploring Social, Political, and Community Contexts and Meaning* (Peter Lang, 2010) and author of *Learning in a Burning House: Educational Inequality, Ideology, and (Dis)Integration* (Teachers College Press, 2011). Most recently, Dr. Horsford was awarded the 2011 Emerging Scholar Award by Division A of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), the premier international organization for advancing education research and appointed to serve as Division A Program Chair for the 2012 AERA Annual Meeting to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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Jazz for Peace Benefit Gala
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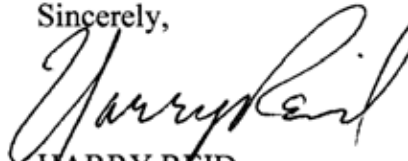
It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the culmination of this year's Jazz for Peace Series benefit gala presented by Nevada Youth Alliance at The Smith Center for the Performing Arts.

I commend the Nevada Youth Alliance (NYA) for hosting this evening's gala. Since 1996, NYA has worked toward bettering our community through positive youth development and community partnerships. By supporting programs in mentoring, juvenile justice, health, education, and recreation, NYA has helped to ensure Nevada's young people are equipped with the necessary tools to lead healthy and successful lives. Tonight, we celebrate this worthy organization and thank them for their work to make our community a better place to live.

It is my privilege to give special thanks to the distinguished guests, partnering organizations, staff, and volunteers who made this evening's gala a success. I am honored to congratulate and thank these exceptional individuals for their service.

I hope you all enjoy the gala.



Sincerely,

HARRY REID
United States Senator

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October 19, 2012



Dear Friends:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the Jazz for Peace Benefit Concert featuring jazz artist, Rick DellaRatta, who so generously and selflessly shares his extraordinary talent to benefit the world's finest organizations—in this case our community's own Nevada Youth Alliance (NYA).

Since its founding in 1996, the NYA has been a vital part of our state's support network through its focus on at-risk youth and families in such diverse areas as health, education, juvenile justice, and mentoring. In today's economic climate, the difficulties that these youth and their families face become even more challenging and the need for a positive environment and support system becomes even more critical.

As we continue to work together to solve the problems facing our state, it is essential for us to remain committed to those young people who represent the future of our community, our state, and our nation. The mission and programs encompassed by NYA and its community partners continue to underscore that commitment by providing the resources and opportunities that strengthen families and make it possible for at-risk youth to find success and fulfillment.

I appreciate the opportunity to show my support for this exciting concert and extend special thanks to all those whose efforts contributed to its success. Please accept my best wishes for a truly enjoyable and memorable evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Heller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dean Heller
United States Senator



City of Las Vegas

Ricki Y. Barlow
Councilman, Ward 5



October 19, 2012

Greetings!

It is with great honor that I send a hearty welcome to Nevada Youth Alliance, and attendees as you celebrate the Jazz For Peace Benefit Concert. I am proud to welcome recording artist, Rick Della Ratta, who works globally in support of many worthwhile causes and has taken up the support of one of Las Vegas' well noted philanthropic giants, Nevada Youth Alliance (NYA).

I have a mutually beneficial relationship with NYA targeting specific initiatives. This organization offer various activities to our families such as, Safe Summer Nights, Community Resource Fairs, What Peace Means to Me Art Contest, school based health centers, Outreach Worker Mentoring Programs, just to name a few.

I give my full support to the Nevada Youth Alliance as they continue to move forward in providing and developing programs that will engage our youth and families. Programs of this kind are necessary but few and I am proud to have NYA making a difference in the Las Vegas community.

I send my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and wish Nevada Youth continued success in future endeavors.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricki Y. Barlow". The signature is cursive and stylized.

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Rick DellaRatta

Rick DellaRatta is now considered by many to be one of the finest Singer/Pianists performing today and one of only a handful of Jazz Artists who can make a successful musical presentation to a large audience without having to abandon the true art form of Jazz. Through his life long endeavor to help advance people to their highest potential through the understanding of Jazz as well as spreading peace worldwide through his "Jazz for Peace World Tour", Rick DellaRatta is considered to be an innovator and a visionary.

His unique and original piano playing and composing has been compared in print to Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Bill Evans, McCoy Tyner, Keith Jarrett, Joe Zawinul, Horace Silver, Oscar Peterson and Thelonious Monk while his signature vocal sound and style has been likened to Chet Baker, Billie Holiday, Joao Gilberto, Ivan Lins, Michael Franks and Antonio Carlos Jobim.

Dr. Billy Taylor put Ricks impact in perspective when commenting on Ricks "Thought Provoking CD - he said: "Rick DellaRatta is one of the people who is taking Jazz to the next level".

"DellaRatta.....demonstrating a talent for composing, improvising and arranging....that recalled Thelonius Monk's flair for refreshing familiar chord progressions with harmonic twists.....an imaginative reworking that moved from the sublime to swinging and back again."

~Washington Post



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Genevieve started singing with the St. Louis Symphony at age 17 for 3 years. she has headlined numerous shows in Las Vegas as well as performed with several prominent artists in the music industry such as andre brocelli and the well renowned michelle le grand. She travels extensively performing in different countries from Europe to Australia from the Middle East to Asia.

Her first CD, "Class", a diverse representation of singing styles which includes jazz, Broadway, country, gospel and opera, has been popularized all over the country and internationally. Her second CD was recorded for Japan features her first recording in Japanese language. Third CD is on the way.

Community Involvement:

Musical Director for special needs children a charitable organization, "Life Long Dreams"
Promotion and Entertainer Director for "For Kids Now"
Volunteer and supporter for "Las Vegas Humane Society"
Supporter for "NSPCA" Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

Quotes from writers in Las Vegas who attended performances include:

"Genevieve; an amazing, gracious vocalist. She will bring R&B home with an old-school feel. ...can take an audience on a musical journey that starts with "RESPECT", and ends with "AVE MARIA", without missing a step. Her vocals are powerful and amazing, complimenting the beauty and class she brings to the stage."



Our Mission

Consists of music, dance, drama and stage production classes, taught by experienced professionals in the arts and entertainment industry.

Our performers inspire, educate and create public awareness about the talents of individuals with special abilities. Bridging the gap between disabled artists and the entertainment industry and restoring hope for special needs artists everywhere.



Uniting Starbrites (special needs students) with Starlites (who serve as mentors) to participate in various creative projects together, both Starlites and Starbrites are afforded opportunities to improve interpersonal skills, develop their creative skills while building lifelong friendships.

Those who cannot easily express words vocally are encouraged to express feelings through their art. Our My Hearts' Art Gallery is located at 6029 W. Charleston Blvd, Gallery #24 in the Dinosaurs and Roses Midtown Art gallery.

Thanks to the generosity and support of local professional entertainers (Big Stars), this exciting program offers Little Stars (LLD students) continuing opportunities to interface with Big Stars, who act as mentors in offering insight into the entertainment world.

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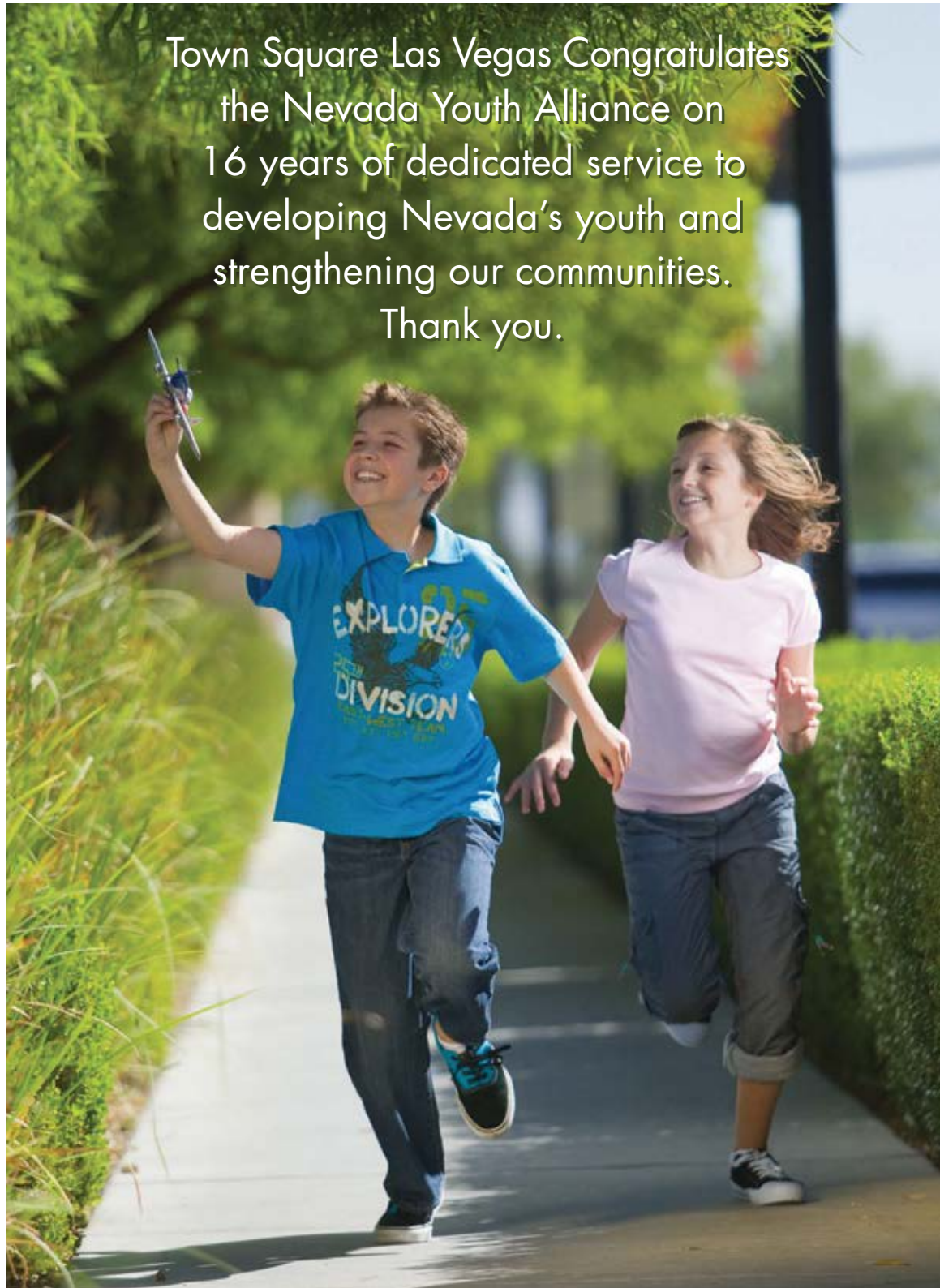
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Our Commitment To Those We Serve

Over the years NYA has focused much of its efforts and resources on mentoring, juvenile justice, family, health, education, employment and recreation. We recognized that family and community were the cornerstones of youth development. A youth cannot be successful in today's environment without the support of both family and community.

As the needs of the community have evolved, so too have the efforts of NYA. The majority of NYA resources are focused on youth and families in the more underserved populations of the community that are at or below the nation's identified poverty lines.

The NYA mission and objectives work to address the needs of a number of target populations, including:

- Youth who are overcoming major stressors in their lives – this could include poverty, discrimination, abuse, unstable home and/or academic life. NYA's mentoring programs foster positive changes in these individuals through goal setting, self discipline, skill development and leadership; and
- Focusing on supporting the family unit by providing community resource education, adult mentoring and opportunities.

NYA functions as a social support system for these target populations providing them with opportunities to improve their chances of success and a more fulfilled life.

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"The on-going partnership between the City of North Las Vegas and Nevada Youth Alliance has yielded significant benefits for the residents of our City. The relationship is an excellent example of public-private collaborations. The Annual Back-to-School Fair alone touches thousands of working families struggling to make ends meet by providing wellness checks, vaccinations, dental check-ups, hair cuts, a vast array of information and service referrals and the ubiquitous backpacks. We are glad to work with NYA to achieve our mutual goals." - Kathi Thomas-Gibson Outreach Coordinator Office of Housing and Neighborhood Services City of North Las Vegas



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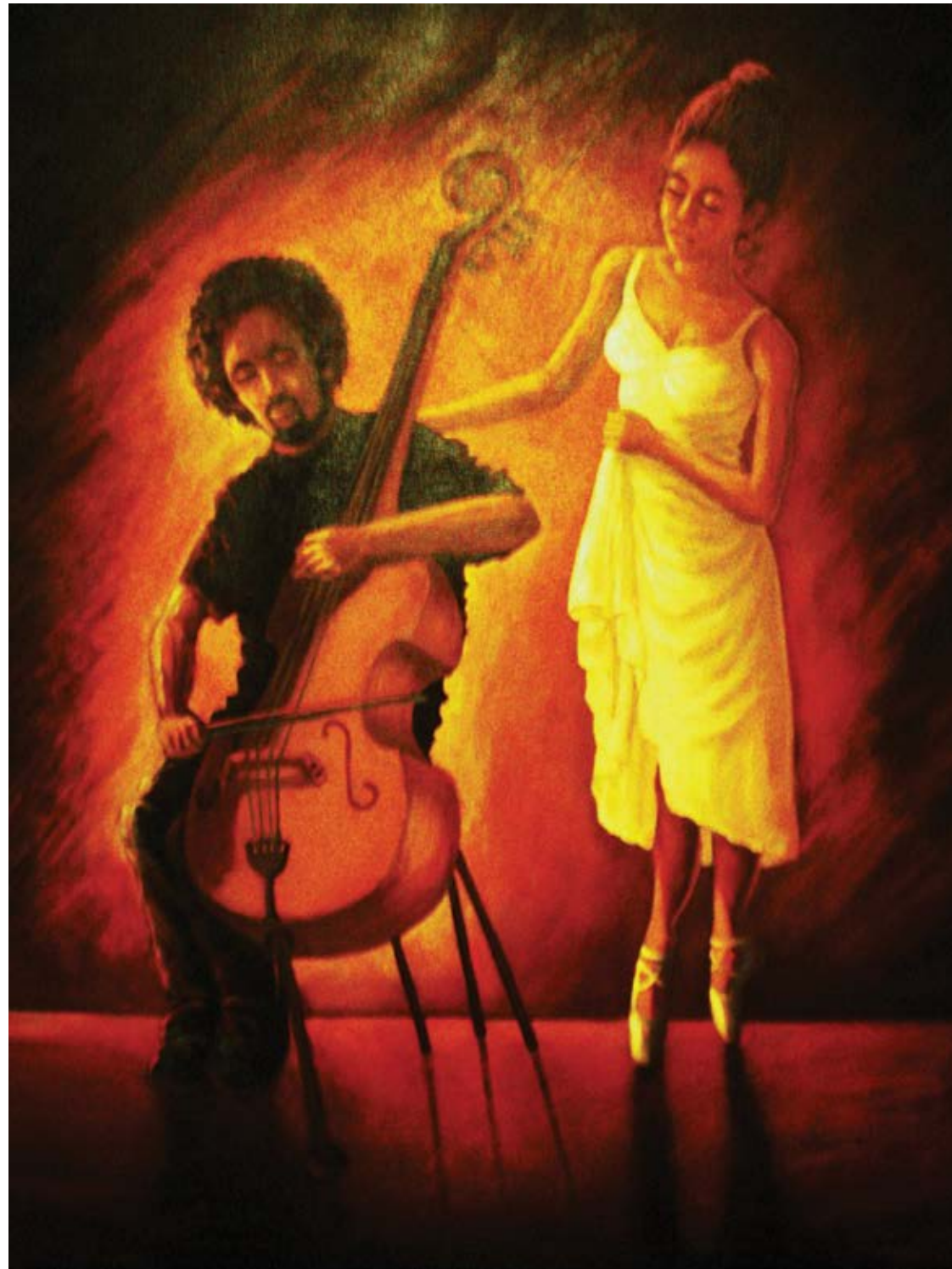
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The Nevada Northern Railway Museum is an inspiring example of American history and culture; interesting and fun to children and adults from all over the world. The Nevada Northern Railway Museum is featured regularly on The History Channel's "Modern Marvels" and "American Restoration," PBS and in travel guide books all over the world.

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