

Nobel Peace Prize Festival on March 2 a chance for K-12 students, teachers to interact with Nobel Laureate

(MINNEAPOLIS) – Students and teachers from K-12 schools have the opportunity March 2 to celebrate peacemaking, and to hear from a Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, during the 24th annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum Festival.

The Festival, a special portion of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, is specially geared to provide K-12 students an opportunity to hear and learn from leaders in peacemaking and to have hands-on opportunities to learn about peacemaking. The Festival is held on the campus of Augsburg College and is free and open to all schools. Registration is required due to limited space. The agenda includes:

- 11-11:30 a.m. **Hear Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk**, the former president of South Africa, talk about the transformative power of change and how his work to create a better future continues today through Global Leadership Foundation.
- Andrew Slack, the founder of the Harry Potter Alliance**, will address how young people can use the lessons of Harry Potter to fight the “dark arts” in the real world.
- 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Students will participate in age-appropriate workshops and action stations from Red Zebra and Concordia Language Villages.
- 12:45-1 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch
- 1-1:30 p.m. **Dessa, nationally known hip-hop artist and writer**, will talk about using creativity and musical talents to make the world a better place.

Students and teachers are encouraged to prepare for the festival by creating an “Adopt-a-Laureate” presentation. Teachers may wish to link their students’ work and participation to Minnesota state standards in literacy, social studies, art, and world languages.

Parents are welcome to bring their schoolchildren to the Festival, as are small groups of supervised youth such as church youth groups, or Boy and Girl Scout troops. **Registration in advance** is requested, and forms and details are at <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/k-12-festival-program/>. **There is no fee** to attend the festival.

The 2012 Nobel Peace Prize Forum runs from March 1-3. It is open to the public, explores issues related to peacemaking and causes of conflict and war, and includes tracks related to business, arts and music, education, and global studies. Registration for these tracks is \$40 for adults, \$20 for students. Separate tickets are required for each track, the 50th anniversary performance of Benjamin Britten’s *War Requiem* and hip-hop artist Dessa. To register for one of these tracks or special performances, visit <http://nobelpeaceprizeforum.org/>.

The forum is organized by Augsburg College (<http://www.augsburg.edu/>) in partnership with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and with ongoing sponsorship from the original college partners. The Nobel Peace Prize Forum is the only affiliation of the Nobel Institute outside Norway. It was founded during 1989 through a unique partnership between the Norwegian Nobel Institute and five private colleges – Augsburg, Augustana, Concordia (Moorhead), Luther and St. Olaf.

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