

UPDATED 2x2 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM for Secrets PLUS, Aug. 25th-30th, retreat at TRIBE ONE in downtown Knoxville & HighlanderCenter & Knoxville College. (Includes two performances- Sat-Cultures of Peace, Sun-Futureman Concert) Some background information:

This will be a gathering of approximately 50 community artists and activists from across the region to explore the “secrets” of building strong, healthy, sustainable groups working for social change over the long haul. We’ll be offering training in the 8 core principles and practices of InterPlay as well as this PLUS element of GROUP bodywisdom that we’ll glean from master facilitators within our communities. We’ll create a space for participants to access their body “intelligences”, to enhance their ability to express and empower themselves and others, and to build confidence in their authentic communication skills. The ancient forms of healing in community have always been storytelling, singing, and dance and having facility, flexibility and spontaneity in these expressive arts forms supports people in working with diverse people in dynamic situations more effectively. We’ll have “performances”, play time, rest and reflection, experiential learning about the 8 bodywisdom principles, and experience of the simple incremental forms that move people to reconnect with themselves and each other. We’ll also have a huge amount of fun! Facilitators for SECRETS PLUS will be: Masankho Banda of Malawi, via Oakland, is famous around the world for his work with creating Cultures of Peace, and Diane Saliba Ault has been a community artist/organizer for 20 years here in TN, with experience working with grassroots groups locally and internationally.

You are receiving this SPECIAL INVITATION because you are an individual or a group who is committed to social change—engaged over time in some aspect of the multifaceted work for peace and justice locally or statewide. We invite you to think about two people from among your staff, board or volunteers who could benefit from this scholarship opportunity. We are especially seeking individuals with some artistic, musical, poetic or aesthetic abilities or sensitivities. We are extending invitations for two individuals from several groups such as Carpetbag Theatre, Alternate Roots, Highlander Center, East TN Progressive Network, Tennessee Alliance for Progress, TIRRC, the Nashville and MidSouth Peace and Justice Centers, NOW, ARM, and others to be part of this five day wholistic retreat to be facilitated by Masankho Banda and Diane Saliba Ault. (See attached flyer.) We will also participate and create a performance/ workshop/ conversation Circle of Harmony with Roy Futureman Wooten at TRIBE ONE on Sunday.

For over 4 years we’ve been building a diverse mutual support network of community artists in this region with the tools, practices and principles of InterPlay. Developed in Oakland by Cynthia Winton-Henry and Phil Porter over 25 years ago, it has spread to over 50 cities on four continents because it offers opportunities for people to connect, communicate and create more grace, ease and connection in their lives. In Nashville alone, we’ve had over 300 gatherings in these past years and have brought InterPlay into addiction treatment centers, cancer recovery programs, worked with children and seniors, incorporated it into worship services, peace rallies and many community settings with Outta Da Blue, our performance company. We also hosted the first International InterPlay Conference just to name a few. (See the archives at www.interplaytn.org) and have intentions to participate in the next one in 2007 in Malawi. We’ve trained 37 people in the facilitation of InterPlay through the Leadership program, and created friendships and collaborations across lines of race, class and culture across this region. Our new leadership program starting this Fall will reflect this new emphasis on “changing the world, one play at a time.”

What the 2x2 means: We are inviting 24 people from community organizations to come to this training/conference/retreat in addition to the 24-30 people who are already part of the current InterPlay leadership program. We are offering 12 \$225 scholarships for tuition, one for each group. We are inviting the organization to sponsor and cover the tuition for one person in the team of two, and possibly the room and board for both participants, though this could be paid by participants, or other sponsors. Very inexpensive options are available. (Dorm rooms are available at the school for \$10 pr night, and one daily meal is provided for \$10, and facilities fee is \$95 total for all 5 days, for example)

Our vision is to bring together folks, especially young people, and people of color who understand the linkages between social change and art with this group of established InterPlayers locally and to link to this unique, supportive and diverse network of people who are building community with InterPlay across the world! We see these scholarship recipients/participants as “connector” people who can link together ideas, people and organizations for further development of networks of people of vision with shared core values.

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Sponsoring Organization/ Individual:

Please tell us in a sentence or two about the mission and history of your organization. How extensively has your group been involved in or used art, music, storytelling, street theatre, or other forms to convey your message, make an impact, or to enhance your celebrations? Would your group benefit from having stronger leadership in these areas?

Please tell us about the leadership qualities of these two applicants and why you believe they would be good candidates for making the connections between art and activism, culture and creativity.

Name, Address, Email, Telephone & Race/Ethnicity & Story of Applicant ONE--

Name, Address, Email, Telephone & Race/Ethnicity & Story of Applicant TWO

APPLICANT ONE- To be filled out by Applicant- Name & Email & Telephone—

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Please tell us about the areas of work you are passionate about. Are you staff, board or volunteer with the groups you are part of?

What are your artistic, creative endeavors or interests?

What would you hope to learn by doing InterPlay and connecting with the growing community of InterPlayers here and around the globe?

What benefits would you hope to gain personally, and for your work, and your community?

What languages do you speak?

What do you do for re-creation?

What and/or who supports you in your pursuing your life purpose?

Please let us know how much you might be able to contribute financially to this retreat, and what other forms of bartering or exchange can you offer??

Anything else you want us to know?

APPLICANT TWO- To be filled out by Applicant- Name & Email & Telephone—

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