

ARLINGTONCOMMUNITY CHURCH
PEACE CHILD
AUGUST 13-24, 2007

*Peace
Child*

A musical about kids bringing peace to the world

Directed by Michael Mansfield and Shanti Moorjani



Choir Director Shanti Moorjani and Arts Director Michael Mansfield are expecting some three-dozen children at *PEACE CHILD*, a musical theater camp at Arlington Community Church in Kensington, for children ages 8 to 13. The two-week training for *PEACE CHILD* will begin on August 13 (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 1 pm) at the church. The community performances, scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights 8/24 & 8/25 at 7 pm, are part of ACC's continuing program of offering arts education to Kensington area families (families from all surrounding areas are welcome, too!) We have engaged artist and teacher Michael Mansfield to help with the two-week *PEACE*

CHILD production training and to help launch other arts education programs to follow. Mansfield teaches at UC Berkeley's Theater, Dance, and Performance Studies Department, and holds a post-graduate degree in Theater Arts.

PEACE CHILD is a musical theater production which originated in 1978 when former Canadian Ambassador James George and published story-teller Bernard Benson met in an English chateau. Ambassador George suggested to Benson that he write a futuristic play about how children might be instrumental in bringing about global peace. Their conversation inspired the writer to write *The Peace Book* which had great circulation throughout Europe. David Gordon, a writer/composer, expanded the popularity of the book by adding a musical score, and theater director David Woolcombe added the dramatic script. The resulting combined work, *PEACE CHILD*, became a great success, engaging children's own inventive ideas about their future hopes for world peace.

Along with suggested music and script, *PEACE CHILD* will also challenge children to add their own text to the script, expressing themselves about their hopes for a peaceful world. The resulting production will be unique; it will reflect the thoughts of our local children, what they are already experiencing of contemporary social problems, and what they feel and hope their future world will be like.

For a registration packet, or for more information, contact the Arlington Community Church office at (510) 526-9146.