



Cranes for Peace

The Phoenix Theatre for Children is committed to dramatically enriching families through our fine children's literature based productions. This season we are pleased to present *A Thousand Cranes* by Kathryn Schultz Miller, an especially important production that we hope will help to assist children to a greater understanding of the world in which we live.

A Thousand Cranes is based on the true and poignant story of Sadako Sasaki, a young victim of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. Sadako was only two years old when the bomb fell and seemed to be unharmed, but at twelve she was diagnosed with leukemia, an aftermath of the bomb's effects. With boundless optimism, she takes an old story to heart: if a sick person folds a thousand origami cranes her wish to be well again will come true. Before Sadako is able to complete her task she is escorted by the spirit of her grandmother to the land of a thousand spirits to join her ancestors. Her friends finished Sadako's work, folding enough Cranes to make a thousand.

The Peace Project:

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Cranes for Peace in Columbus

We hope to display a sign of unity and peace within our community. During the month of December we would like to see a city-wide effort to fold as many cranes for peace as we can manage as a symbol of hope and commitment to peace and non-violence within our own community. What a beautiful sight to see added to the spirit of the holiday season, *Cranes for Peace* displayed all over the city!

How to Participate

1. Study the story of Sadako and other works on the attached recommended reading list to begin discussions with your students about peace. Emphasize that a peaceful world has to begin within our own communities.
2. Begin your *Cranes for Peace* folding project using our suggestions and instruction web site recommendations. Perhaps make a goal for your class, your grade, or your school to fold a thousand cranes. Emphasize that "many hands make peace work"
3. Display your *Cranes for Peace* at your school throughout the month of December. (You'll find some simple display ideas included.)

4. Take a photo of your Cranes for Peace display and send it to us at:

The Phoenix Theatre for Children
Cranes for Peace
Attn: Vanessa Becker
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

5. At the end of December don't just throw the Cranes away. You can send them to:

Peace Promotion Division
The City of Hiroshima
1-5 Nakajima-cho Naka-ku,
Hiroshima 730-0811 Japan

"You can acknowledge the care and love that went into making the Cranes by sending them off with a ritual fire and offering a song or prayer of peace." (From the "Cranes for Peace" Network)

6. Consider attending the Phoenix's production of *"A Thousand Cranes"*

	<u>Public Performances</u>	<u>School Performances</u>
Dates:	December 2 - 18, 2005	November 30 - December 16, 2005
Times:	Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at 1:00 & 2:30 PM Sundays at 1:00 & 2:30 PM	Tuesday - Friday at 9:45 & 11:00 AM
Cost:	Children: \$8.50, Adults \$12.50	\$3.50-\$5.50 (depending on group size)
Location:	Vern Riffe Center, Studio Two 77 South High Street	

Call 464-9400 for ticketing information

7. **Pass on the Peace** - If you find that this project speaks to you, pass it on. We have enclosed information on being a **Cranes for Peace Coordinator** as well as a general information flyer that you can photocopy and distribute.

We hope that you are as excited about this project as we are. We look forward to seeing a city full of *Cranes for Peace* in the month of December. If you have any questions or would like to book a school matinee please call us at (614) 464-9400. Please don't forget to send your *Cranes for Peace* photos!

Pass on the Peace,

The Education Committee
The Phoenix Theatre for Children



*"Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me."*

Recommended Reading List

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
by Eleanor Coerr

Hiroshima:No Pika
by Toshi Maruki

The Peace Seekers
By Nathan Aaseng

Young Peacemakers Project Book
By Kathleen Fry-Miller & Judith Myers-Walls
(A teacher's resource book)

Peace Begins with You
By Katherine Schols

The Peace Book
By Todd Parr

Children of the Paper Crane
By Nasu Masamato

Birds of Peace
By Enloe Walter

Children of the A-bomb
By Arata Osada



How to talk about peace in our community

Each crane that you fold can be viewed as a symbol of your commitment to building a peaceful community. As each person in your group folds a crane, have them think about what in their own home and community makes them feel at peace. (As a supplemental activity, have each group member write these items on the cranes.) Identify what peace is and how we can pass it on, remembering that peace begins with family, friends, neighbors and schools.

Discuss the importance of diversity in creating a peaceful community. Even in families there are great differences. Celebrating these differences is a step toward making peace work. Your cranes can reflect an appreciation for differences, if you fold different sizes and colors.

*"This is our cry, this is our prayer
Peace in the World."*

Paper Crane Folding Tips

Paper- For extravagant cranes you can find patterned and colored origami paper from places such as *Michael's* or *Star Beacon*. Just about any colorful paper can be used so if you want to recycle you can use scraps of wrapping paper, old brochures or glossy flyers.

Size- 3.5" x 3.5" to 5" x 5" if you are going to eventually mail yours overseas.
If you are going to just display your cranes then you can make them out of a much larger square.

Difficulty- At the age of 9 or 10 the child should be able to master this quickly. There is an alternative idea for younger children called the Origami Peace Swan.

You can find instructions for the Peace Swan at www.ehow.com/how_16242_make-origami-swan

Recommended Web Sites:

www.cranesflyforpeace.com/foldprint.html

www.hiroshima-is.ac.jp/Hiroshima/foldcrai

Paper Crane Display Options

Here are a couple of fun ideas on how you can create an artistic display of your paper cranes within the classroom, bookstore, library or even your local grocery store!

1. Paper Chain Display

Create several simple paper chains by cutting out strips of paper and gluing them in an interlocking chain link form. When the chain links are all glued together, take your paper cranes and use a pencil or a small hole-punch to create a small hole in the top of the crane. Insert a piece of string or yarn and tie securely. Then use your pencil or small hole punch to punch holes in several links of your paper chains. Push the other end of your rope or string through the paper link hole and tie a knot in the string large enough to hold the crane in place. Drape your chains from the walls, ceilings or doors!

2. Crane Trees or Plants

If there is a small tree in your area or a plastic plant in your classroom you can decorate the tree or plant with your paper cranes. Simply poke a small hole through the paper crane, push the string all the way through the hole and use the two ends to tie to the tree or plastic plant.

3. Flying Cranes

You can create a beautiful effect by hanging your paper cranes on strings from the ceiling. You can do this by taping one end of the string to the crane and the other to the ceiling. You can also tape the string to one end of the crane and tie the other to low light fixtures or already hanging fixtures such as a ceiling fan.

Be creative and use your imagination to create a beautiful and fun Paper Peace Crane display!

Being a Cranes for Peace Coordinator

If you love the idea of folding paper cranes for peace, we would like to invite you to carry on the paper folding in your own home, school, library, religious institution, workplace, coffee shop, book store or grocery store. Here are some ideas on how you can help keep the paper cranes for peace project going:

1. Sponsor a Peace Party

You can be an integral part of the paper cranes for peace project by simply having a paper crane folding party. All you need are some good friends, some paper and decorative items and you can share the peace with your friends and loved ones.

2. Teach a Cranes for Peace Workshop

Ask your child's school, the local library, your religious institution or even your local coffee shop if you can set up a table to pass on the paper crane movement. With a couple of supplies and a little time you can reach out into your community in a beautiful way.

3. Paper Cranes as Gifts

A very easy way to pass on paper cranes for peace is to simply pass them out! Hand them to friends and co-workers, your postal worker, your hairstylist or even people you pass on the street. If you are very ambitious, you can offer a whole display of paper cranes to your local stores, parks and schools.

If you try any of these ideas we would love to know about it. Send us a picture of your Peace Party or Peace Offering and we will display it in our theatre during the run of the show. Have a great time and pass on the Peace!

*"I shall write peace upon your wings,
and you shall fly around the world
so that children will no longer
have to die this way."*

The PHOENIX THEATRE CIRCLE presents

A Thousand Cranes

by Kathryn Schultz Miller

November 30- December 18, 2005



The life of Sadako Sasaki has provided a symbol for peace for decades. A young victim of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, she contracted radiation sickness when she was just 12 years old. With boundless optimism, she takes an old story to heart: If a sick person folds one thousand paper origami cranes the gods will grant her wish and make her well again. Children around the world have continued to fold origami cranes as a tribute to her life.

Call (614) 464-9400 for tickets or to book a school matinee.



Cranes for Peace in Columbus

December 2005

*Show a sign of unity and peace
within your own community!*

Help us fold a thousand and more origami cranes to be displayed throughout the city of Columbus in the month of December! For more information on how **you** can *Pass on the Peace* contact:

Vanessa Becker or Heather Burley
The Phoenix Theatre for Children
(614) 464-9400

or

_____, Peace Project Coordinator

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