ABOUT ANDREA CLEARFIELD AND THE SALON CONCERT

Andrea Clearfield is an award-winning, full-time composer of music for orchestra, chorus, chamber ensemble, dance, and multimedia collaborations. Her works are performed widely in the U.S. and abroad. Among her 125 works are ten cantatas including one for The Philadelphia Orchestra. Dr. Clearfield is a recipient of the 2014 Copland House Residency Award and has held fellowships at the American Academy in Rome, the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Center, The MacDowell Colony, and Yaddo among others. She is the founder and host of the renowned Philadelphia Salon concerts featuring contemporary, classical, jazz, electronic, dance, and world music since 1986 and winner of Philadelphia Magazine’s 2008 “Best of Philadelphia” award. With precision and artistry, Dr. Clearfield brings together a diverse number of talented performers in a seamless manner for our salon-style concert. Dr. Clearfield is currently writing an opera on the life of the Tibetan yogi, Milarepa, to libretto by Jean-Claude van Itallie and Lois Walden. The opera is commissioned by Gene Kaufman and Terry Eder for NYC premiere with developmental assistance provided by American Lyric Theater. More at www.andreaclearfield.com.

More information on the salon performances can be found on our website, www.interfaithcenterpa.org/award.

ABOUT THE INTERFAITH CENTER

Since its inception in January 2004, the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia has served over 30,000 individuals, partnering with more than 265 groups – religious congregations and institutions as well as civic, educational, and service organizations, and corporations – in our region.

The Center replaces hate with understanding through collaboration, education, dialogue, and community service. Our initiatives with youth, in workplace diversity, and as convener of the Religious Leaders Council are locally praised and nationally recognized by leaders in the non-profit and private sectors and in the media.

JOIN US

Art of Interfaith Understanding with Rev. John Hougen, Museum Guide
Prayerful Looking: Art and Spirituality – Sunday, May 15th 1:30 - 4:30 PM

Ride for Understanding: Sunday, June 5, 2016 – A 10- or 30-mile bike ride on the Schuylkill River Trail.
Choice of two start times: 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM (register today at www.ride4understanding.org)

Dare to Understand Workshops: We offer a range of trainings and experiences to businesses, congregations, and individuals. A full list can be found on the Interfaith Center’s website, www.interfaithcenterpa.org.

Walking the Walk™: A nationally-recognized interfaith service & dialogue initiative for youth. We are seeking new congregation and school partners for 2016-17. The Interfaith Center also hosts Alternative Breaks for high school and college students.

The Religious Leaders Council’s Zones of Peace: This initiative recognizes groups addressing root causes of violence in our region. To nominate such a group, go to: www.interfaithcenterpa.org/zop

For more information or to register for any of these programs, contact:
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ACCEPTANCE
Gity Banan-Etemad, MD

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Everett Gillison, Tribute Committee Member

ACCEPTANCE
The Honorable Michael Nutter

WEST PHILLY ORCHESTRA – Traditional Balkan folk tunes and original works.
Francois Zayas, drum; Jimmy Parker, saxophone; Hayley Verhof, baritone horn; Dan Nosbary, baritone horn; Elliot Levin, saxophone; David Fishkin, saxophone; Koofreh Umerov, trumpeter; Patrick Hughes, trumpeter; Adam Herrbruger, trumpet and Petia Zafirova, vocals

SITANYA WOMEN’S VOCAL ENSEMBLE – Folk music of Eastern Europe.
Susan Anderson, Kimberly (Fedchak) DiMattia, Anne Ehrhart, Leeka Ehrhart, Chrisy Steele, and Jane Carver

AUGER TRIO – “Open Your Treasure House” by Judith Weit.
Kristy Chen, violin; Michael Li, cello and Janet Wu, piano. Coached by: Linda Reichert

GROUP MOTION DANCE COMPANY – “Compassion” from Lung-Tas (The Windhorse) with music by Andrea Clearfield, recorded by Netrok for New Music and painting by Maureen Driskill. Dancers: Marie Brown, Renee Kurz, Katie Bank, Nicole Diaz-Pellot. Artistic Director: Manfred Fischbeck

PHYLLIS CHAPEL – A multi-lingual vocalist and guitarist, will perform her own take on world music with acclaimed woodwind virtuoso Ken Ulansky

THE NEWBERRY SINGERS – Gospel works.
Jasper Fitzgerald, Bernard Finder, Rodney Harris, Stanley McNish, Reginald Carter, and Morris Kennedy

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The Very Reverend Judith Sullivan, Board Chair & Dean of the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral

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*Music in What Love Can Do: Experience African Music; Shofar Calls; Montee Wink/Marc Linday; Islamic Call to Prayer, Adhan, Four Elements, Turning Tobgazal; Antiphons by Hildgard of Bingen. Anonymous 4; Elegie, Karl Jenkins

ABOUT THE AWARD
The annual Dare to Understand Award honors community leaders of distinction. Recipients, through their actions, reflect the Center’s commitment to diversity and challenge barriers to understanding. Previous recipients: Tom Stewart (2012); S.A. Ibrahim and Mikey Paeck (2013); St. Gloria Coleman, Rev. Richard R. Fernandez, Imam Muhammad Abdul-Raazzq Miller and Lawrence M. Silverman (2014); Helen Cunningham, SEPTA/General Counsel Gino Benedetti (2015).

GITY BANAN-ETEMAD, MD

Gity Banan-Etemad is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia and Attending Physician at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children and Temple University Hospital. Having long-standing teaching experience in pediatrics, she has published books, articles, and an entry in Encyclopedia Iranica. Her other interest is in “Health Development” in developing countries through NGO organizations - namely, Health for Humanity. Through this organization, she travels around the world giving lectures on health issues, continuing medical education in medical schools, hospitals, and public health institutions.

Gity is a founding board member of the Interfaith Center of Greater Philadelphia, founder of Mainline Interfaith Women’s Group, co-founder of Devon Interfaith Gathering, and executive committee member of the Dialogue Institute/Journal of Ecumenical Studies at Temple University School of Liberal Arts. These groups serve to promote dialogue between religious leaders, high school students, and diverse faith groups for the advancement of world peace. Gity has been an instrumental force in spreading interfaith understanding in the Philadelphia region, and her generosity and passion for her work has been crucial to the continued growth and success of the Interfaith Center. Born in Iran, she is a fourth-generation Baha’i, an active member of national and local Baha’i communities, and she currently represents the region’s Baha’i community on the Religious Leaders Council of Greater Philadelphia. Together with her husband Dr. Bijan Etemad, they have three adult children and five grandchildren, and reside in Villanova, PA.

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL NUTTER

Hon. Michael Nutter recently completed eight years of service as Mayor of Philadelphia, where he was widely recognized as a reformer who led changes in policing, economic development, taxation, sustainability policy, and other important areas. From 2012 to 2013, he also served as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Michael Nutter was among the United States' most visible and commended mayors: named a Public Official of the Year by Governing magazine in 2014, and cited by Esquire as one of its Americas of the Year in 2011. The city government of Philadelphia received more than 150 awards for innovative programs, good government practices, and general excellence during his tenure.

Prior to becoming mayor, Mr. Nutter served as a member of the Philadelphia City Council for nearly 15 years, from 1992 to 2006, and also as chairman of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority Board from 2003 to 2007. A West Philadelphia native and lifelong city resident, he was educated at St. Joseph’s Preparatory High School and the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. Michael Nutter and his wife Lisa attend Mr. Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia and are parents of two grown children, a son and a daughter.

Mr. Nutter's deep spirit and faith truly shine through his compassion for and service to the people of this region. He and his administration partnered with the Interfaith Center and the Religious Leaders Council on many issues and at times when this region sadly marked the loss of Philadelphia police and firefighters in the line of duty. During his press conference last April in response to the anti-Muslim ads on SEPTA buses, Mr. Nutter championed the Interfaith Center's city-wide coalition and its public Dare to Understand campaign. This fall, he welcomed Pope Francis to Philadelphia, and shortly before the end of his tenure as mayor, he stood in solidarity with the people of Philadelphia, in denouncing the hate crime committed at Al Aqsa Islamic Society.