

## News From The Dalai Lama Foundation —

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#### Fourth Summit of the Global Alliance – Now! — *Building Bridges of Peace*

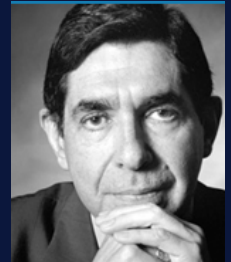


17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> of  
September, 2009

San José, Costa Rica

Costa Rica is hosting the 2009 Summit of the Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace. Founded in 2004, the Global Alliance is a worldwide community of civil society organizations, committed citizens and government officials from 35 countries, working to establish governmental structures that support a culture of peace. The Summit's theme this year is *Building Bridges of Peace* and the goal of the Summit is to expand the *Global Alliance* network by involving highly-qualified participants from at least 40 countries, who are motivated to develop peace infrastructure in their home governments. At the Summit, participants will have the opportunity to take part in daily plenary sessions and learning activities to integrate the peace building skills and regional/international networking necessary to work with other civil society groups and government officials to increase potential for success. Visit Summit website [www.gasummit.org](http://www.gasummit.org) for further details, as well as webcasts of the event.

A live “web streaming” event – a keynote address by Costa Rican President and **Nobel Prize winner**, Oscar Arias – will be available online at 7:30pm to 9:30pm (GMT-6hours, which is the same as US MDT [Denver]) and you can find the schedule of events, as well as links to webcast sessions at [www.gasummit.org/schedule/event-schedule/](http://www.gasummit.org/schedule/event-schedule/).



And if you only want to watch the live sessions, try <http://www.gasummit.org/live/>.

Around the world, two countries already have peace ministries — the Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction, in Nepal, and the Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace, in the Solomon Islands.

The US National Peace Academy, **which we featured in March, 2009**, is a key participant in Global Alliance activities. Dot Maver explained the mission and approach of the US NPA in a series of video interviews that we've placed in our online *Learning Zone*. [When you get to the

Learning Zone, click  to login as a guest and view the segments.]

GA summit has a great map showing where around the world there are ongoing efforts to establish departments of peace ([view it online](#) or see below).



## In Memphis next week: The Missing Peace Concert

The Missing Peace Project is producing two events at the Cannon Center in Memphis, TN, [USA] next week, September 23rd.

"Developing Peace and Harmony"- a Public Talk by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, featuring special guests, and **The Missing Peace Concert**- with headlining performer – the Grammy® winning superstar Natalie Cole, accompanied by the Memphis Symphony Orchestra



There will be opening performances by Joe Nichols, Matt Nathanson, and famous Tibetan artists Nawang Khechog and Loten Namling.

The public talk by the DALAI LAMA begins at 1:30 p.m. and will include a short opening program featuring special guest stars including internationally famous Tibetan musicians, Nawang Khechog and Loten Namling, and by Gideon Bendile, a vocalist from The Lion King soundtrack and performer from Broadway and London's West End.

That evening, **The Missing Peace Concert** stars headliner Natalie Cole. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with opening performances by country star Joe Nichols, rising singer/songwriter and VH1 artist Matt Nathanson, Nawang Khechog and Loten Namling.

You can purchase tickets and get more information at [dalailamamemphis2009.com](http://dalailamamemphis2009.com).

The concert officially launches The Missing Peace Project's musical entertainment peace awareness campaign with a mission inspired by the Dalai Lama and the principles he embodies. The title, The Missing Peace, is an evocative play on words meaning peace will always be elusive, or "missing" in our world, but the Dalai Lama consistently shows that dedicating oneself to peace is anything but pointless.

You can [visit \*The Missing Peace\* exhibition online](#) and [take a virtual tour](#) in which you'll see the works of art, or you can see it when it appears at the [Frost Art Museum](#) of Florida International University, in Miami beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

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