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**Music Together Worldwide and Laurie Berkner
Partner to Celebrate United Nations' International Day of Peace
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Princeton, New Jersey, September 12, 2017 — Music Together Worldwide, the pioneering international early childhood music education organization, will commemorate the annual United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21) with the release of a new version of “May All Children,” composed by Kenneth K. Guilmartin and recorded by bestselling children’s musician Laurie Berkner. The song is available to download free at www.musictogether.com/LaurieB.

“We are honored to present Laurie’s version of the Music Together signature song for peace, ‘May All Children,’ just in time for this year’s International Day of Peace,” says composer Guilmartin, Music Together Founder/Artistic Director. “Over the years, the song has been sung by millions of parents, teachers, and children around the world. Laurie’s recording adds her own award-winning, unique musical style, and will go far in helping us continue the mission to send a musical wish for peace for all people into the world.”

“[May All Children](#)” was originally composed by Guilmartin as “Solstice Song” in honor of the 40th anniversary of UNICEF in 1986. It was rearranged and retitled in memory of the events of September 11, 2001, and became part of the Music Together Sticks Song Collection in 2002. The song’s simple, heartfelt wish that all children—that everyone—should live in peace has touched families all over the world, and has been sung millions of times in Music Together classes and by community and school choruses as part of the company’s work to support UNICEF.

Created by a United Nations resolution in 1981, the [International Day of Peace](#) is observed around the world annually on September 21. It is a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

Music Together also offers a special singalong storybook for “May All Children.” (Visit <https://www.musictogether.com/store/singalong-storybooks/may-all-children-storybook>.) In honor of the International Day of Peace, Music Together will donate proceeds from September and October [May All Children book](#) sales to the [Prelude Foundation](#), a Houston-based nonprofit organization raising money to support the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Best-selling, award-winning children’s musician [Laurie Berkner](#) has been a longtime fixture on TV’s Nick Jr., and Sprout channels. Her original songs, albums, DVDs, music videos, and books leave no doubt: Laurie Berkner is the uncrowned queen of children’s music and the power behind the progressive “kindie rock” movement. Laurie’s albums, released on her own label Two Tomatoes Records, have been best sellers on a chart typically dominated by movie soundtracks and major label compilations. Her debut DVD, which went quadruple platinum, was the first-ever indie children’s music DVD to enter Billboard’s Top Music Video chart at #1.

Celebrating its 30th Anniversary, [Music Together®](#) is an internationally recognized early childhood music and movement program for children birth through age seven. The Music Together curriculum was coauthored in 1987 by Kenneth K. Guilmartin (Founder/Artistic Director) and Rowan University Professor Emeritus of Music Education, Dr. Lili M. Levinowitz (Director of Research), and offers programs for families; schools; at-risk populations; and children with special needs, in over 3000 communities in over 40 countries. The company is passionately committed to bringing children and their caregivers closer through shared music-making and helping people discover the joy—and educational value—of early music experiences. For more information and to find classes near you, visit www.musictogether.com.