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**USA/CANADA WAR of 1812 ARTS LEGACY PROJECT
OPENS AT NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERRY'S VICTORY AND
INTERNATIONAL PEACE MEMORIAL**

PUT-IN-BAY, OH – Artrain, Inc. and the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial (PVIPM) announce that they are partnering to launch *Paths to Peace: War of 1812 Arts Legacy Project* on Thursday, October 27, 2011 in Put-in-Bay, OH, USA. *Paths to Peace* is an international education and art program commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Targeted at 7th and 8th grade students, *Paths to Peace* interprets the war and the long-lasting 200 years of peace between nations that were once at war –Canada/Britain, First Nations/American Indians and the United States – from multiple perspectives through the cultural arts. Canadian partners include: The Chatham-Kent and Windsor Essex – 1812 Southwest Ontario Region, the City of Amherstburg, Ontario, Fort Malden National Historic Site, Parks Canada and Six Nations Legacy Consortium.

Traveling across Lake Erie on the Jet Express Ferry, 150 students from the Windsor- Ontario, CA region schools (Amherstburg Public, General Block Public, Suzuki Public Schools and Stella Maris Elementary) will travel to Put-In-Bay, OH on October 27, 2011 to meet and spend the day with 150 students from Bellevue Middle School in Bellevue, OH. Students will receive curriculum instruction presented by War of 1812 content specialists from Canada, the United States and First Nations/American Indians and participate in artist workshops and interpretive activities at the Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial (PVIPM) the National Park Service site at which the gathering takes place.

After the completing the October 27th seminar, students will return home and, with the guidance of their teachers and artistic mentors, will keep in touch while spending the next six months researching their respective community's ties to the War of 1812, artists/craftsman of the times, peace movements and international relations. Throughout the year, students will explore various art forms – visual, media, performing and literary – to create work reflecting their observations and interpreting their experience as they incorporate period art and craft. *Paths to Peace 2012* will culminate in May 2012 with the *Paths to Peace Art Fests* where the

students will present their artworks to the general public at the War of 1812 historical sites in Canada (Fort Malden) and the USA (PVIPM).

Paths to Peace aims to provide a life-long learning experience while educating future generations about an important piece of North American history that is fairly unknown to both American and Canadian residents. It will also connect students to the concrete historical sites, the social and cultural milieu of the time, the war's outcome of 200 years of peace and result in the creation of artworks, both visual and performing, speaking to that legacy. Through international dialogue students will learn about one another's history and cultures and be given the opportunity to appreciate the very real differences in national interpretations of historical events.

Funding for *Paths to Peace* is provided by the National Park Service, Artrain, Inc. and 1812 Project - Southwest Ontario Region. Additional support for the October 27th project seminar is provided by Put-In-Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Amherstburg; and Fort Malden National Historic Site, Parks Canada, the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Windsor Mold Group of Bellevue, OH.

A full list of Participating Sites, Schools and Organizations and their locations follows:

United States

- **Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial**, National Park Service, Put-in-Bay, OH (project partner) www.nps.gov/pevi
- **Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau**, Put-in-Bay, OH www.visitputinbay.com
- **Artrain, Inc.**, Ann Arbor, MI (project partner) www.ArtrainUSA.org
- **Bellevue City School District**, Bellevue, OH www.bellevueschools.org
 - Bellevue Middle School

Canada

- **1812 Project - Southwest Ontario Region**, Chatham-Kent and Windsor Essex (project partner) www.1812ontario.ca
- **Fort Malden National Historic Site, Parks Canada**, Amherstburg, Ontario www.pc.gc.ca/lhn-nhs/on/malden
- **Town of Amherstburg, Ontario-A War of 1812 Community**, Amherstburg, Ontario www.1812amherstburg.com
- **Six Nations Legacy Consortium, Oshweken, Ontario** www.sixnations.ca
- **Greater Essex School Board** www.gecdsb.on.ca
 - Amherstburg Public School, Amherstburg, Ontario
 - General Brock Public School, Windsor, Ontario
 - Dr. David Suzuki Public School, Windsor, Ontario
- **Windsor-Essex Catholic School Board** www.wecdsb.on.ca
 - Stella Maris Elementary , Amherstburg, Ontario

For more information about *Paths to Peace* contact: Artrain at 734.747.8300

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Paths to Peace: War of 1812 Arts Legacy Project Partners, Participants and Funders



National Park Service: More than 20,000 National Park Service employees care for America's 395 national parks and work with communities across the nation to help preserve local history and create close-to-home recreational opportunities. Learn more at www.nps.gov

1812 Project - South West Ontario Region - The project is funded by Ontario Tourism with contributions from Chatham-Kent Tourism and Tourism Windsor, Essex and Pelee Island. Project leadership is also provided by those two regional Tourism organizations. A Project Facilitator is in place and is tasked with creating partnerships, engaging stakeholders in creating significant and enduring projects and fostering an 1812 legacy for the South West.



The South West Region has some significant anchor 1812 sites including the Tecumseh Monument, Tecumseh Parkway and Fort Malden National Historic Site. Original sites, such as the Duff Baby house and the Francois Baby house in Windsor and the Fort in Amherstburg are glimpses into the past. The Tecumseh Monument Site and the Parkway are projects being developed now and will offer citizens and visitors the opportunity to experience history in a unique and exciting way. *For more information:* www.1812ontario.ca



For 40 years **Artrain**, a nonprofit arts organization located in Ann Arbor, MI, has delivered world class arts and cultural exhibitions and education programs to under-resourced communities throughout the United States.

Winner of the National Medal for Museum Service, Artrain's mission is to use the power of arts and culture to transform lives, organizations and communities. Originally using America's rail system to deliver art exhibitions, Artrain now delivers cultural outreach programs to people in villages, towns and cities everywhere through a variety of methods including mobile touring exhibitions and cultural education and engagement programs. Since its founding in 1971, more than 3.2 million people have visited Artrain during more than 850 community visits across the United States. Artrain is producing the *Paths to Peace* project. *Paths to Peace* marks Artrain's first international project. Artrain is supported, in part, by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. *Learn more at* www.ArtrainUSA.org

The Town of Amherstburg is steeped in deep history. One of the oldest towns in Ontario, the War of 1812 sites and legacy infrastructure has made this a true and authentic Bi Centennial community. We celebrate the peace that has existed with our neighbors to the south and the longest undefended border since that incredible War that was many people's destiny. Visit the legendary Kings Navy Yard Park where it once was an important ship building post and now an award winning Bi National Peace Garden. We are proud to have twinned as sister cities with our friends in Put-in-Bay Ohio and Monroe, Michigan.



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Canada

Fort Malden, a key British defensive post during the War of 1812 and the Rebellion of 1837, commemorates a period when the destiny of Canada was determined by military action. This riverfront site includes original earthworks and a restored barrack. Helpful staff and fine exhibits will make your visit a

fascinating experience. Enquire about group tours, educational programmes and special events. For more information, please visit: www.pc.gc.ca/malden.

Le fort Malden a été poste de défense britannique vital pendant la guerre de 1812 et la rébellion de 1837. Il nous rappelle une période où le sort du Canada était dicté par des décisions militaires. Cet emplacement comprend une caserne restaurée et des vestiges de travaux de remblai. Une exposition et des guides empressés feront de votre visite une expérience dacinatée. Renseignez-vous sur les visites de groupe, les activités spéciales. Pour de plus amples renseignements, s'il vous plaît visitez www.pc.gc.ca/malden.



The purpose of the Six Nations Legacy Consortium is to provide for more creativity, collaboration and coordination of our community activities to perpetuate our understanding of Haudenosaunee history. We have inherited a historical understanding that has been passed across the generations through oral history, wampum belts, historical documents and ongoing relationships and experiences that give insight into the meaning of that history. This historical legacy is very important to our personal and collective identities; to our sense of place and position; and to our understanding of how our culture can have an ongoing role as we face an ever-changing social/cultural/political/economic landscape.

We have organized ourselves in anticipation of the War of 1812 commemoration to ensure that Haudenosaunee perspectives of history become part of the public discourse. To these ends, the Six Nations Legacy Consortium will facilitate community initiatives through the identification, planning and development of projects, partnerships and communications strategies as a part of larger national and international initiatives in which the Haudenosaunee have had significant presence and influence.