



# Practice for Peace

## Official Group Kit

Improve the lives of war-traumatized children by practicing for peace.



**Thank you for your interest in Practice for Peace!**

This is a kit to help you and your classroom or group join in a worldwide effort to replace sounds of war and hate with sounds of music.

**STEP 1:** Make copies of the Program Overview, the Pledge Form, and a Daily Practice Log in this kit for each person in your group.

**STEP 2:** Introduce your group to the Shropshire Music Foundation and the Practice for Peace program by reviewing the Foundation Overview and/or downloading and showing the video on [www.practiceforpeace.org](http://www.practiceforpeace.org). The flier at the end of this kit can be used to spread awareness about the program—other versions of this poster can be downloaded from the website, including a Microsoft Word version that allows you to add your own contact information.

**STEP 3:** Send your group out to find sponsors (family, friends, neighbors, businesses) who will pledge a certain amount for each minute of practice during the month of November. Suggested amounts - pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters. Or, sponsors can also choose to give one fixed amount instead.

**STEP 4:** Have each person record practice minutes daily during November on the Daily Practice Log.

**STEP 5:** Have each person tally up his or her practicing minutes and collect their pledges during the first week of December.

**STEP 6:** Collect all the pledges from each member of your group.

**STEP 7:** Fill out the Group Donation Form and mail it along with all of the pledge money to:

The Shropshire Music Foundation Practice for Peace Program  
110 Poplar Forest Dr.  
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

*Remember, each person in your group who raises over \$100 will receive a free Shropshire Music Foundation t-shirt.*



Kosovo Children's Music Initiative  
Peace through Music Northern Ireland  
Peace through Music Uganda  
*"Teaching Children to be Instruments of Peace"*

## Foundation Overview



### **What is the Shropshire Music Foundation?**

The Shropshire Music Foundation is a non-profit, grassroots organization committed to helping children in war-traumatized countries through music education and performance. Its mission is to redress psychosocial trauma, advance emotional health, develop scholastic achievement, foster ethnic tolerance, promote peace, and improve the quality of life for war-affected children and adolescents. The organization has reached more than 10,000 children in countries such as Kosovo, Northern Ireland, and Uganda.

### **Why is this important?**

Every night, children in Kosovo wake up screaming from hellish nightmares about men with guns. Every day, Protestant and Catholic kids in Northern Ireland cautiously play in segregated communities, always fearing an outburst of sectarian violence. Every evening, Ugandan boys and girls trek to urban shelters where they huddle together to evade being kidnapped and forced into becoming child soldiers.

Many of the children the Foundation works with are emotionally broken. They act out atrocities in their play and have very little self-esteem. If they are not cared for, they will likely grow up to participate in the violence they have seen. The Shropshire Foundation provides relief and healing to these children through participation in music education and performance. The program has been recognized by UNICEF as "making a significant contribution" to the international relief community. The Foundation has been implementing recommendations issued by the United Nations and UNICEF in their report on the "Impact of Armed Conflict on Children" (1996).

### **How will my contribution help?**

One hundred percent of the money raised will go straight to the Foundation's programs. These donations help supply instruments, materials, school supplies, transportation and instruction for each classroom of eager children.

*For more information please visit us online at: [www.teachingchildrenpeace.org](http://www.teachingchildrenpeace.org)*



## Practice for Peace Pledge Form

Thank you for supporting \_\_\_\_\_ in his or her musical endeavors and for supporting the Shropshire Music Foundation. One hundred percent of your contribution will help to improve the lives of numerous war-traumatized children throughout the world. Additionally, it will help participating musicians recognize that they can make a difference by helping others, one minute at a time. Your pledge of pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters per minute is greatly appreciated!

*Please Make All Checks Payable to: The Shropshire Music Foundation*

Name of Musician: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Music Teacher or Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### SPONSORS:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Pledged per Minute: \_\_\_\_\_ Or fixed donation amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Practice Log**

Please write down your practice time in minutes each day.  
Or, use your own calendar.

November 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**Musician's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Practice Time (in minutes)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form along with the practice log and donations to  
your teacher or leader by December 14.*



# Think Music Can't Change the World?



**Think Again.**

## **Practice for Peace 2008**

You can help improve the lives of thousands of war-affected children just by practicing your instrument, choir songs, or other talents through a unique fundraising program called Practice for Peace.



Practice for Peace is a campaign from The Shropshire Music Foundation, which strives to promote peace and tolerance through music education and performance programs. [www.teachingchildrenpeace.org](http://www.teachingchildrenpeace.org)