



PRESS RELEASE



## **Hiroshima & Nagasaki Memorial Concert 09**

Learning from history: making peace for the world's children

**Saturday 8 August 3 – 5 pm**  
**Village Roadshow Theatrette**  
**@ State Library**

We are delighted to announce the concert line up for the 5th Hiroshima & Nagasaki Memorial Concert in Melbourne.

This event, organized by '**Japanese for Peace**', will bring together a diverse array of people to remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and imagine a world where our creativity and technological power is used to promote life, not destroy it.

**Japanese for Peace** (JfP) was formed in March 2005 by people of Japanese background living in Melbourne. Our first event, a peace concert at Federation Square in August 2005 to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, attracted over 1000 people. We have held a peace concert every year since, featuring international and local performing artists.

We advocate the abolition of nuclear weapons and the renunciation of war. We work together with our Australian counterparts, engaging in a variety of activities such as workshops, film screenings, concerts and peace education.

### **Performers**

**Jordie Lane** - *Singer/Songwriter*

<http://www.myspace.com/jordielanemusic>

**Yumi Umiumare** - *Butoh Dance*

<http://www.yumi.com.au/>

**Bruce Watson** - *Singer/Songwriter*

<http://www.myspace.com/brucewatsonmusic>

**Djiva** - *Indigenous Female Duo*

<http://www.myspace.com/djivamusic>

**Ayako Sato, Fuefukuro & Nikki Venter** - *Japanese Drums, Bamboo Flute and Dance*

## Speakers

**Steven Starr** - MT Senior Scientist, Physicians for Social Responsibility, USA  
<http://www.nucleardarkness.org/>

**Scott Ludlam** - Australian Greens Senator  
<http://scott-ludlam.greensmps.org.au/>

**Entry:** \$15/conc \$10

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iCAN, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons: [www.icanw.org](http://www.icanw.org)

MAPW, Medical Association for Prevention of War: <http://mapw.org.au>



Jordie Lane



Yumi Umiuare

This year's concert features one of this country's brightest new roots music stars, **Jordie Lane** with his unique finger-style guitar, blues harmonica and a commanding voice. Jordie's love for American folk, blues and country music is evident in his sound. He is currently touring Australia promoting his debut album "Sleeping Patterns".

Born in Hyogo, Japan, **Yumi Umiuare** is the only Japanese Butoh Dancer in Australia, and the creator of Butoh Cabaret works including the much talked about "*The Burlesque Hour*" currently on show at Fortyfivedownstairs in Flinders Lane. Yumi has lived in Australia since 1993, and has appeared in numerous dance, theatre and film productions in Australia, Japan, South East Asia and Europe.



Ayako Sato



Fuefukuro



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Djiva



Bruce Watson

**Bruce Watson** is an icon of the Australian folk music scene and a major songwriter and performer. He has won a swag of awards and had his songs covered by many other performers. Bruce's music reflects life, ordinary people, social justice and the environment, often with a surprising twist and a quirky sense of humour. He has produced 5 CDs and a book of his own songs.

**Djiva** (Jeeva) is Jessie Lloyd, a Murri from North Queensland, and Della Rae Morrison, a Noongar of the South West of Western Australia. The award-winning group is a West Australian act fronted by two female vocalists who perform cruisey infusions of gutsy soul, folk and roots.

**Ayako Sato** formed the women's taiko group "Walakado" in Japan, and performed all over Japan. She also belonged to Brazilian Samba percussion group extending her music from traditional to Latin. Currently, living in Melbourne giving taiko workshops and performing. **Fuefukuro** is a Japanese 'Shinobue' bamboo flute ensemble formed by Ayako Fujii and Hitomi Valentino. They will play three pieces, including their original song called Kitsune no Yomeiri (The Fox's Wedding). **Nikki Venter** teaches creative dance and yoga to children. She enjoys practising Japanese taiko, calligraphy and sumi-e painting.

Proceeds from the concert will go to UNICEF, to help suffering children. We hope you can join us!