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Global Fireworks Community Unites to Demonstrate Fireworks4Peace

Bethesda, MD, May 2, 2022 – Countries around the globe are uniting to organize the largest fireworks initiative to demonstrate the world’s desire for peace, freedom, and dignity, and to stand up for democracy. This collaborative fireworks art event will occur on the historical date of May 8, to commemorate the end of World War II in Europe. “Fireworks are the art of emotions. Fireworks4Peace is an artistic action to spark hope for peace all over the world,” said APA Executive Director, Julie L. Heckman.

In the U.S. fireworks are synonymous with their expressive power and this special event will convey the feelings of millions and evoke a common sensation of unity between all of us, even overcoming national borders. “We are excited to partner with our international fireworks friends in spreading the message of hope as we symbolically light up the skies in unity around the globe on May 8,” added Heckman.

As spectators unite on May 8 and enjoy Fireworks4Peace tributes across the world, we encourage people to donate to [UNICEF](#) providing urgent relief efforts in Ukraine.

APA President, Stephen Pelkey, Atlas PyroVision Entertainment will present a special fireworks tribute on behalf of the APA to support this initiative and especially the people of Ukraine. “The fireworks community in the U.S. is proud and honored to participate in this global initiative for peace,” said Pelkey.

About Fireworks4Peace

The worldwide fireworks community will unite on May 8, 2022, to demonstrate with fireworks the inherent power of freedom and diversity. Fireworks companies, single pyrotechnic artists, and groups of technicians will contribute expressions of fellowship, hope, freedom, and dignity while standing up for democracy. Images will be shared on social media platforms using #Fireworks4Peace. Countries participating in this collaboration include Austria, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and the United States. Additional information can be found at www.fireworks4peace.org

About the American Pyrotechnics Association

The APA is the leading safety and trade association of the fireworks industry in the U.S. representing manufacturers, importers, distributors, retailers, suppliers, and professional display companies. Founded in 1948, APA’s mission is to encourage safety in the design and use of all types of fireworks, to provide industry information and support to its members, and to promote responsible regulation of the fireworks industry. Additional information about the fireworks industry can be found on APA’s website at <http://www.americanpyro.com>