

LOVE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



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Healing and Guiding Children Through Art









Love International Film Festival

We are living in a world where chaos challenges every nation and every individual equally. Fear of violence, hatred, persecution, misuse of religious and financial uncertainty follows us all. We stand divided in belief, nationalities and even within countries—ideology. We are a world that often seems deprived of hope or a unifying vision. It is our goal to turn the world's eyes to the beauty that exist in front of us all. It

is my hope that we will play a part in art and creativity returning everyone to the abundance that surrounds us all. When you look at our little planet from space, its singular beauty is clearly seen. Its smallness in the vast void should communicate that we all live in one home. This world of ours is exactly that, it is a world of OURS; a place for all of us to share, build and nurture. Regardless of your religious beliefs, I hope you still believe in Love and Peace for all. Lets define God in his purest form as love and peace, and with this new definition, help each other and help build our home in a way that there is enough for all of us.

This is the message of the festival, that through the power of creative energy and the efforts of filmmakers and artists alike, the world can become a unified and beautiful place. Film and the use of images is a powerful medium of change. Even the films with bleak stories are often allegories of difficult choices, much like the fables of old. Film already breaks down the barriers of nationality in production and content. Now films made in little places around the world can leap into large places, and large productions may go to little places to capture their imagination. People from around the world work together to create films.

The festival is an opportunity to acknowledge and reward these global creative efforts. In this wonderfully connected age, the art of cinema can document our efforts on a global scale. Film and filmmakers around the world are capturing the images that educate, guide us, inform us and entertain us.

As this grand sharing continues, Love International Film Festival will become one of those windows you can peek through and see wonders from around the world. I wish all of you love and peace and to become part of the power of love through the creation of epic films, art and music, even if your part is simply gazing upon what others have created.

I strongly believe, it is important that we share and explore this world with our younger generations. They have the fire, understanding and the ability to connect globally. They are less prejudiced with what is before their eyes. They desire change and work for it. With this in mind, I have chosen young creative souls to help run the festival, for they can relate to the views of the younger generation. I give them my support and wish them all the luck I can give on this most important journey. I welcome all, from every nation, who wish to join and help us.

Ata Servati

Founder and President, The Lotus Light Children Charity
Founder and Executive Director, The Love International Film Festival

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Founder/President/Board of Directors



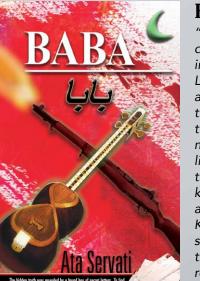
As a spiritual man, Ata has chosen to follow the path of legends such as Rumi, Omar Khayyam and Hafez. His own spirituality began at the age of four when he began to receive premonitions in his dreams. Ata relates the creative forces in his life as the spiritual reminder and choice based on those early childhood experiences.

Before the National Rebellion in his homeland began to rage on, Ata's career as a filmmaker and writer was beginning taking off. He began to write, direct, and produce productions throughout the world. Before the National Rebellion began, Ata left his homeland to come to the United States.

The decision to follow a spiritual calling was not an easy one for Ata. He ignored it for many years focusing on his creative and business endeavors. These efforts along with his business understanding led to a lavish life style common to many people in the film and real estate industry. Ata had financial success, but not happiness. In early 2006 the real estate market collapsed. Ata, who up until that time had been successful, experienced a personal and financial disaster. His business failed and his relationship ended. He went from living in a lavish house to becoming homeless. He began to live out of his car. To someone else born to wealth and fame this drastic change of fate would have been the lowest point of their lives. To Ata it was and the beginning of the best moment in his entire life. In that moment he remembered the hopes and dreams of his childhood. It was this experience that led to him to make a choice, and commit to the spiritual path. Ata began to write again, and to focus on the spiritual forces that surround all of us. After many wasted years Ata has found his peace and true path that he was meant to live on. He has rededicated his life to bringing spirituality and healing in the world. The Lotus Light Children Charity is an expression of this love, hope and desire to help and enlighten children, by bringing healings to them through art. The Love International Film Festival, founded by Ata provides an opportunity to support this charity and art in cinema around the world. Along with founding The Lotus Light Children Charity, Ata has once again entered into filmmaking with his production company Enlightenment Entertainment. He has also recently published his novel "In Search of Heaven" and a book of spiritual poetry from the heart, "I Am A Lotus". His new novels "Baba," "In Search Of Love" and a three-part compilation "The Shrine," "Married To The Well," The Silent Beggar" are schedule for release in 2020. Ata Servati is grateful to be able to share his love and creativity with the world. His company Enlightenment Entertainment has several films in preproduction, including BABA, In Search Of Heaven and Dream On Empty.







Novels By Ata Servati

Baba (Father, in Farsi) 2020 Release

"BABA" [Father, in Farsi] is the first truly serious and literate look at the cross-cultural drama told in personal terms. Baba is a love story/adventure/tragedy and conspiracy in the tradition of "Doctor Zhivago," with flavor of "Out Of Africa." Surly an Iranian Lawrence of Arabia. It's based on the story of an American woman, who's manipulated and lied to, by her boyfriend, a member of the anti-SHAH underground movement, to travel to Iran to look for her father. While searching for her father, she gets caught in the turmoil of the revolution. She challenges the Shah's government, the anti-government movement, The Ayatollah Khamenei's regime and risks her life to gain the love of her life and the love of her lost father. At the end she finds him, but is the one who leads the government to her father. He exchanges his life for her safe return without her knowledge. It is through her struggle there she learns sadly that an American Lady CIA agent, who single handedly removed The Shah of Iran and replaces it with Ayatollah Khomeini. She has a love and fear relationship with Ayatollah Beheshti who was supposed to take over after The Shah, She also set up a deal between Khomeini and the Republic lead by Iran to hold the hostages until after the American elections, which resulted in the IRAN CONTRA.

What is LOVE? from I Am A Lotus

Love is not a game

To be played

Love is sharing,

Love is giving,

Love is what gives

Life a meaning

Love is not a word

To be expressed

Love is kind

And sometimes mad

Love is what brings

Peace of mind

Love is not a toy
To be destroyed
Love is caring

Love is joy
Love is what shows
True feeling

Love is not a tool
To be used
Love is laughter

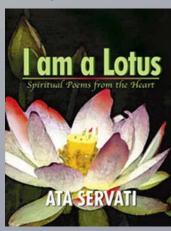
And sometimes tears
Love is what talks
Through silence

Love is not what

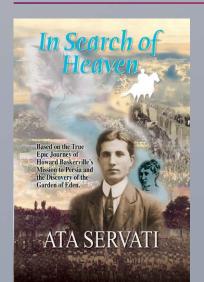
To be betrayed
Love is hope

Love is life
Love is what makes
You and me one soul..

All revenue of the book goes to TLLCC



Obtain your copy at www.enlightenmententertainment.com



"In Search of Heaven" Based on the Epic Journey of Howard Baskerville's mission to Persian. He pursues what he feels, is a unique person with somewhat of a unfocused purpose in life. He follows his heart over reason and logic to preserve a cause that is not his duty from birth to defend. It is a journey of love and sacrifice and one man's ability to embrace people from an unknown culture and religion without judging them for their differences. It's a mystical voyage about a simple young American man who battles not only over his soul, but for the freedom of a nation during an era of oppression and finally discovers the "Garden of Eden" An Iranian Lawrence of Arabia. Where "Braveheart" meets "Indiana Jones".

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The Love International Film Festival Schedule of Events;

September 18 - 20, 2019

Wednesday - Thursday September 18 -19th

Screenings:

Monica Film Center

1332 2nd Street Santa Monica, CA 90401



Friday, September 20th

LIFF Award Night at 5:30pm on the Red Carpet Skirball Cultural Center-Magnum Room 2701 N Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA, 90049



To obtain passes and more information go to www.liff.info



Navid Negahban



Navid Negahban, known as "the man of a thousand faces" by US critics, was born in Mashhad, Iran. In the midst of war between Iran and Iraq, he began his journey abroad passing through Turkey, Bulgaria and landing in Germany where he applied for asylum. Navid started his acting career at Pfalztheatre in Kaiserslautern, Germany. After eight years he moved to the United States of America in 1993.

Negahban started getting US recognition in 2000 with the short film Boundaries after it won the Grand Jury Prize at Slamdance. Since then he has worked on over 250 titles. Widely regarded for his role as "Abu Nazir", on the Emmy® Award-winning series Homeland and most recently as Jasmine's father, the Sultan, in Disney's live-action retelling of the classic 1992 animated film Aladdin, directed by Guy Ritchie

Currently Negahban is developing Romany Studios, in East Los Angeles, a safe haven art centre/ studio space for the artists built by the artist.



Co-Founder of LIFF

Jen Yen At the young age of 5 Jen Yen learned her love of music. Since then, she has won many competitions prizes. She plays and teaches a variety of instruments, including the Chinese instruments; Long Zither, and Piano. Though she is well known for her musicianship, she is as well-known for her calligraphy art which is shown and kept in different museums in China and Taiwan. She is also head of the **Chains Calligraphy Association** in United States.

As co-founder, Jen is an integral part of LIFF. She has provided major financial support for the festival as well as handling duties of VP Operations. Liff would not be where it is today without Jen.



LIFF 2019 Host / Co-Host

Kiko J. Ellsworth Growing up with no voice, Kiko could not formulate his own opinions, found it terrifying to speak to people, was mostly stone-faced and expressionless, and had little to no social skills, allowing spirits courage to flow though, he took creative expression classes, acting training, vocal lessons, and then the shackles disappeared from his soul and he began to have a deeper experience of life, became an accomplished and sought after series regular frequenting many tv shows and movies such as Lucifer, CSI, Criminal Minds, General Hospital and Bad Boys 2, an Emmy Award winner, voice over artist, public speaker, musician, vocalist, director, producer, entrepreneur, proactive father, female empowerment expert and advocate for those who have not yet found their voices.



LIFF 2019 Host / Co-Host

Khiry Johnson Khiry "Kyrie Da Comic" Johnson is a Chicago born multi talent. A life love for comedy blossomed while entertaining in college which led him to taking courses at The Second City Training Center. Success as a comedic motivational speaker, Khiry has graced stages from New York to Los Angeles and hosted events from Hawaii to Trinidad Tobago ranging from hundreds to thousands with his unique eccentric energy!



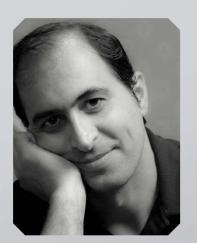
Neelab Saraabi Afghanistan's first female stand up comedian. Started her career in Farsi on a tour with Mahmud Farjami. Her solo show was featured on VOA Dari and Kabul's 8AM News. She recently performed at Empowercon at the Los Angeles Convention. Center On August 31st. She has been featured on the Today Show, People' Magazine, Elle Girl, and The Wired and among many more publications for her successful business career and social responsibility.

LIFF 2019 Kino Speaker / Presenter



Devorah Cutler-Rubenstein Producer-Writer-Executive-Inspirational Speaker Devorah ("Devo") Cutler-Rubenstein's passion for storytelling and artistic expression brought her to Cal Arts where she earned her BFA in Film and Television. Devo launched her career in the entertainment industry, which included a stint as Director of Literary Affairs at Columbia Pictures Television and Exec Producing features and award-winning documentaries, including Not Afraid to Laugh, about turning to stand-up comedy to heal herself of breast cancer, which was nominated for a Peabody Award and is archived in the Museum of Broadcasting for "historical significance and social relevance." Devo received a Masters in Professional Writing from the University of Southern California, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts & Sciences. As President of Noble House Entertainment, Inc. over the last thirty years, she has created content for a variety of media, and as CEO of The Script Broker® she prepares writers for the marketplace, helping them build bridges that hopefully unite each artists' unique gifts with a message of peace for our planet. Always interested in empowering creatives, she lectures internationally and was named Best Pitching Coach 2012 by "Hollywood & Vine Magazine." She's been a script coach for over 100 short film projects at USC's Summer Program's Directing Intensive. Devo recently created The Peace Bench Project, an ongoing project to enliven neighborhoods with small spaces for improvisation, meditation and prayer.

LIFF 2019 Producer



Mehdi Shekarzadeh A prize winning play writer, stage actor, producer, director and animator who holds a BA in Cinema from the University of Surat, Tehran. He began his artistic career with writing and directing theater. He began his television career with the series "Wake up to the sun" for the children's network group and managed the Sports Broadcasting Unit from 2013-2015. He produced live program at Iranian TV Sport network. Produced over hundred TV programing.

After immigrating to the United States in 2015, he continued to work with Jam Television as a director and editor. Creating two sets of "Daily" and "Jorbza" and 8 music videos over three years. Currently he is freelancing as a film editor, photographer and cinematographer. Mehdi Shekarzadeh's latest work of art is a short film "We Are All One" that won first place at the Los Angeles Film School Festival. He produced the 2018 LIFF award show and is back to produce 2019 LIFF award show.

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LIFF 2019 Final Nominees

Best U.S. Feature:













Katyusha

Free Slave

The Bestowal

The Little God

Turnover

Best U.S. Short Film:



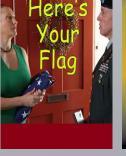
Cognitive



Finding Home



Process



Here's Your Flag



Mark's Poem



Fly Right





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Best Foreign Short Film



A Friend



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Illusioned



In Brief



The Last Goodbye



Transition

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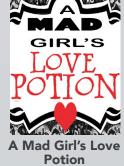
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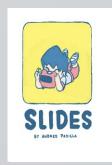
LIFF 2019 Final Nominees

Best Short Animations











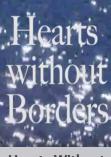
Slides

There Is Sea

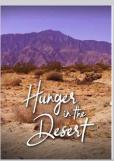
Best Documentary Short







Hearts Without Borders



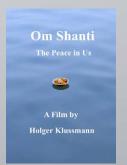
Hunger In The Desert



I Am Jacinth -**Love After**



Margret Singer: Seeking Light



Om Shanti

Mathews Pulickan The Little God

Best Score



Natalia Perez Turnover



Nami M Turnover



Alim Qasim Arpachai, a song of separation



Jing Chen Where Is My Home



Cao Yiwen Chubby Cafe

Best Actor



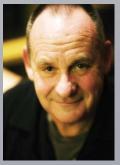
Soydan Soydas Free Slave



Hadi Hejazifar Katyusha



Adhish Praveen The Little God



Paul Guilfoyle Turnover

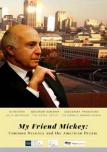


Ali Mohammad Radmanesh Golnesa

Best Documentary Feature



Love



My Friend Mickey



The Gate

Best Supporting Actor



Heydar Hatami Arpachai, a song of Separation



Ahmad MehranFar Katyusha



Carlos Carrasco Turnover



Adwin Brown Turnover



Kuanysh Zhylzhaksynov Boyzhetken-She Is all that



LIFF 2019 Final Nominees

Best Actress



Nauryzbayeva **IBoyzhetken She Is** all that



Sen Ha Chubby Café



Yeganeh Rajabi Golnesa



Seçil Buket Akinci Free Slave



Sharmita

Bhattacharya

Bestowal

Yeganeh

Pasanideh Arpachai, a song of separation

Best Supporting Actress



Mitra Ahour Arpachai, A Song Of Separation



Kat Kramer Turnover



Isabella **Blake-Thomas** Turnover

Best Music Video



Eyes On You



Hausla Na Ruthe



Star in the East



TRIO



Unconditional Love

LIFF 2019 Final Nominees

Best Director



Jeo Baby The Little God





Linda Palmer Turnover



Mehmet Tanrisever Free Slave



Abdel Fiftibayev Boyzhetken She Is all that



Ali Atshani Katyusha



LI Qia Chubby Café

Best Screenplay



Jeo Baby The Little God



/ Ali Atshani Katyusha



Mehdi Ali Mirzaei Andrew de Burgh The Bestowal



Laree' D. Griffith / Linda Palmer Turnover



Cao Yiwen Chubby Café



Xiaoli Ma Where Is My Home

Best Cinematography



Mirsad Herovic Free Slave



Jobby James The Little God



Mohammad Fakouri Golnesa



Zhang Jun Where Is My Home



Mahmood Atshani Katyusha



Jennifer Hook Turnover



CONGRATULATIONS

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Our founder **Ata Servati** has a vision; the dream of seeing Jewish, Palestinian and Christians resolve their differences and realize people are more important than religions. Ata and his team work to build respect and tolerance toward one another, so we may walk in peace. He has presented us with this idea to take the first steps in a peace project between the state of Israel and Palestine. Lotus Light is a dynamic non-profit organization committed to promoting peace through the arts. Reaching the next generation of children, Teaching them the importance of love, respect and tolerance can change the course of the world. The primary objective of the founder, Ata Servati, since the organization's inception was to focus on the plight of the Middle East, and more specifically, the conflict between the Jewish state of Israel and Palestine. One Major Step to achieve that end is "The PEACE MARCH". Lotus Light believes the vast majority of the people from both countries, Israel and Palestine are tired of death and destruction and want to end the struggle and vicious cycle of pain.

Through Lotus Light Programs, in partnership with artists and peace loving peoples around the world, we can help them to take the steps necessary to reach an understanding, with compassion and mutual respect for one another. By harnessing the power of multi-disciplines within the arts, Lotus Light is creating a rally for Peace. Success in the past, such as "We are the World" and "I'd like to Teach the World to Sing", Lotus Light is working with world renowned artists to create a song with lyrics that reflect that promise of peace, friendship and forgiveness on a grand and global scale, Celebrating hope for our Children of Tomorrow. We have several commitments and are seeking more peace loving Palestinian and Israeli artists as well as other major talents and lovers of peace from around this globe, to join us, and to come together for this seemingly impossible, momentous and most worthy occasion and cause. Scheduled to March and Rally in song this New Years Eve, at the border, most likely in Jerusalem, the City we wish to call "The City of Peace"...

Songwriters, musicians and poets, that feel they can expresses the deep feelings of both the Israeli and Palestinian people; to honor and represent both sides for all to see, in a one unifying song, expressing the joy of peace. The Peace March Logistics are as follow: Upon Completion of our song, the media will be advised. UN Peace-keepers will also participate on site December 31st.We Will organize three groups;

- **A)** A large group of Palestinian children paired with a Palestinian singer and other international artists, and will start singing in Arabic/English and Hebrew and rallying toward the border;
- **B)** At the same time a group of Israeli children with Israeli artists/and international artists will start rallying from the Jewish state side toward the border, singing the same song in Hebrew/English and Arabic.
- C) The final Rally, gathering on site at the Border, where both groups will be set to meet.

A third group of international artists and peace lovers will be waiting to join the celebration, singing and dancing to the same song in English/Arabic/Hebrew. Group A and B will reach the border at the same time joining group C and all will sing together in one voice, like a great choir. They will embrace and dance, shaking hands, and then saying what needs to be said to one another through poetry. We will invite and coordinate mass media to be present and document the celebration and to broadcast the voices of both groups of children. Both the Palestinian and Jewish children and other participants sharing the arts to the entire world will show how a step toward peace and progress is truly possible. We are reaching out to all Israelis, Palestinians and other like-minded artists around the word to join us at Lotus Light to make this happen, in a large, loving, powerful way. Please join TLLCC to achieve this momentous and important milestone in the journey to world peace.

Love Ambassador

To achieve this very important global objective, we need an league of volunteers to guide the children of our world towards the universal truth, removing obstacles to love and tolerance. We ask those who feel compelled to be part of this global shift, to join with us in this calling. Become an Ambassador of LOVE. Lead the way to build the future on a foundation of PEACE, UNDERSTANDING, RESPECT and TOLERANCE toward one another, and soon we will build an army of peaceful and loving people who can defend the spirit of love and peace. TLLCC Partners are requesting your expertise, in multiple artistic and creative disciplines, as volunteer artists to join with us.



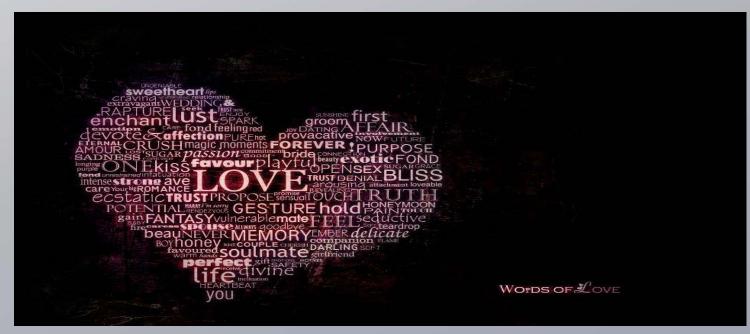


Our organization believes that reaching the creative source within each child will fill them with an avenue to gently express themselves, resulting in a shift in the paradigm towards love, and away from hate and destruction. With hearts and minds that sing, dance, write, create music, and capture beauty, no space will be vacant for the influences of radical manipulations nor those who wish to brainwash our youth to be used for their personal financial gain or political agenda. TLLCC Directors will visit their chosen country, and cities and local supporters, at least once a year, to inspire and encourage the

creative processes of the arts, to the children of the world. We know we cannot do this work alone. Our

success depends upon a cohort of angel volunteers; we embrace all ethnicities and diversities of race. We humbly ask and invite the participation of known celebrities, artists, successful business men/women, activists and politicians. Those who hold a sphere of influence and those who are willing to influence, will carry the torch, and lead our children towards love. With open hearts, we request that you join us in this higher calling to become an extension of our most noble aspiration.





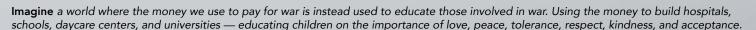


A Message from The Founder-Ata Servati

Imagine a world where Jewish and Palestinian are able to simultaneously march to the border, ignoring soldiers and guns, and meet to express their love, tolerance, and respect for one another.

Just imagine how beautiful and peaceful life would be.

Imagine a world where Muslims and Hindus can come together as one in Pakistan and India. Forgetting their differences and struggles and stand together, as the great Gandhi had wanted.



Imagine a world where the money spent on competing to build bigger and more lavish places of worship, was redirected to feed the thousands of children that die from hunger every day. What a world this would be.

Imagine if all religions adopted the basic principles of simplicity, humbleness, and humility that are found within all religions, instead of Competing and denying each other equality. What a peaceful world we could offer our children.

Lets remind ourselves, greedy mad men that call themselves leaders, hijack our religions, ideology, and philosophies to further their greed, wealth, and power. Leading our innocent children, the wealth and foundation of our future, into abusive child labor, prostitution, poverty, and saddest of all, brainwashing.

Look all around you, there are wars being fought to prove whose religion and beliefs are "right." Ask yourself, is that what the principles of our human race are all about? Teaching our children to hate, kill, or fear one another based on different beliefs?

Lets remind ourselves, sadly, at this point in time, we as humans, place ourselves at the edge of destruction. Risking not only the death of ourselves, but of the Earth as well. Some religions have spread like wildfires. They are being abused, altered, and misinterpreted time and time again. They have led our children down paths of twists, turns, and confusion.

Lets remind ourselves, we as humans are alive to bring peace and love to the world.

Lets remind ourselves, we choose different paths such as religion, ideologies, and philosophies to guide us to be better human beings.

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Lets remind ourselves, religion is the manifestation of God's wishes for us. It exists to make the world a better place. To further us as human beings by spreading love and respect. To teach us to control our minds, bodies, and souls. To allow us to gain wisdom, tolerance, and respect for one another's beliefs and existence. Lets believe and remind ourselves, that devotion to a religion is a deep and personal choice. A choice not forced by any government, person, or organization. This choice, this desire, can be respected and loved. A choice free of any influence or pressure to follow what their parents, elders, or leaders believe. They must be free to search and choose their own path, to match the vibration that emanates from them. We are all on different journeys and have different lessons to learn, and thus will need different things.

Lets remind ourselves, we are at a crucial point in our world's history. A time to stop and think and separate the good from the bad. To remind others and ourselves that manipulating innocent children, while promising them Heaven and salvation is wrong. We have a responsibility to lead

the difference for future generations.

We can practice LOVE, RESPECT, PEACE, TOLERANCE, FORGIVENESS, KINDNESS, and UNDERSTANDING for one another — regardless of our RELIGIOUS BELIEFS or NATIONALITIES

our children, allowing them to choose their own path and beliefs to follow. We all have something unique and magical to contribute. We can be

Let's believe that LOVE is the way to be a better soul.

Let's believe that PEACE will give us a chance to heal the problem.

Let's believe that TOLERANCE is the way to understand one another.

Let's believe that UNDERSTANDING is the way to know one another.

Let's believe FORGIVENESS is the best medicine for healing our soul.

Let's believe KINDNESS and CARING for others are the way of humanity.

Let's believe that we can replace the hatred, violence, and unholiness, in our hearts with love, peace, harmony, in our souls.

Let's believe a child holding a camera, catching the mysteries of the earth, is less likely to destroy it.

Let's believe a child who dances to the beat of their own heart will protect the hearts of others.

Let's believe a child who hears and makes music will DENY the sounds of pain and agony.

Let's believe a child who writes in rhyme, will help harmony last within words.

Let's believe a child holding a book in his hands is less likely to hold a gun.

Let's believe a child who cherishes the moment will not demolish it.

Let's believe a child painting on canvas with the colors of life is less likely to take a life.

Let's believe by achieving these things, we will gain BALANCE, HARMONY and the greatest gift of God, HEALTH.





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All Revenues from the 2019 LIFF will go to "**The Lotus Light Children Charity**"

To help heal and guide the children through art.