

Media Release

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VIRTUAL VISIONS OF GLOBAL JUSTICE

Art Show Gala to Celebrate the International Criminal Court in New Justice Center in Second Life with USC

- ◆ Global event March 19th 5PM PST available online in Second Life
- ◆ Hosted by USC Network Culture Project at the Annenberg School for Communication
- ◆ A dozen prominent artists presenting new works on themes of justice
- ◆ Unique interactive collaboration in virtual world connects real world issues

(March 17, 2008) The USC Network Culture Project at the Annenberg School for Communication harnesses creative potential in digital media with a groundbreaking new art exhibition opening March 19th at 5PM PST in Second Life. The **Visions of Global Justice** gala will share new works on themes of justice with international leaders to preview the new Justice Center in celebration of the International Criminal Court.

On Wednesday March 19th the new Justice Commons and International Island sims in Second Life will feature a dozen talented artists from the virtual world presenting their visions of justice. USC Network Culture hosts this gala opening with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in partnership with Global Kids. Teens from Global Kids will also present original art at the Justice Commons throughout the month of March.

This arts exhibition is a transmedia celebration of the International Criminal Court. Additionally, the International Criminal Court will be the topic of simulcasts on March 20th with Global Kids in the virtual worlds of Second Life, There, and Whyville. On the same day, the International Justice Center will host a live video screening in which former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi A. Annan will receive the MacArthur Award for International Justice from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, an independent grantmaking institution committed to building a more just, sustainable, and peaceful world. Mr. Annan will also deliver a major address on international justice. The March 20th simulcast will be the first time an international event will streamed across all three of these virtual worlds.

The International Justice Center builds on Global Kids' groundbreaking work by establishing an

online hub supporting the ICC and the global justice concerns it addresses; this innovative online learning center will provide resources for people to learn about the ICC, connect with ICC officials and advocates, and take action in support of human rights and international justice. Learn more about the Justice Center on the web at <http://justicecenter.net>.

Exhibiting Avatars in Second Life

Tuna Oddfellow, AM Radio, Pavig Lok, Tooter Claxton, Juria Yoshikawa, Dancoyote Antonelli, Filthy Fluno, elros Tuominen, Chance Abattoir, Adam Ramona, Josina Burgess, Velazquez Bonetto, Junivers Stockholm; curated by In Kenzo, Bettina Tizzy and Delia Lake.

About USC Network Culture Project at the Annenberg School for Communication

USC Network Culture Project is exploring how technology can be used to build bridges between cultures, promoting genuine dialogue with the residents of virtual worlds about what really matters, taking the conversation beyond branding, marketing and profits. The Network Culture Project is interested in how network culture and virtual online communities can have a real and significant impact on a wide range of activities including civic engagement, ethics, education and every day practices.

About Global Kids

In 2006, Global Kids became the first non-profit to develop a dedicated space for programming in the virtual world of Teen Second Life (TSL). Global Kids brings students from its New York-based programs into the organization's headquarters to conduct youth leadership programming and stream audio and video of major international events. This innovative program is conducted in collaboration with the MacArthur Foundation, UNICEF, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Youth Venture, and the International Criminal Court, among others. More information on this program can be found on the Global Kids' website at www.GlobalKids.org.



About the International Criminal Court

The International Criminal Court is the world's first international human rights tribunal, designed to investigate and try those accused of committing some of the worst violations of human rights, including genocide, mass rape and war crimes. The ICC, headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands since 1998, is investigating and trying crimes committed in Sudan, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and the Central African Republic.

The International Justice Center (IJC) is a project of Global Kids and is supported by a generous grant from the Digital Media and Learning initiative of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The IJC is an independent initiative and does not purport to represent or imply any formal association with the International Criminal Court. For more information, see <http://www.justicecenter.net>.

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