



Dear Educator,

Rackham Symphony Choir is pleased to invite your middle and high school students to participate in a student art competition called **Postcards for Peace**.

It is created in conjunction with our multi-media presentation of *The Armed Man - A Concert for Peace*, which we are presenting at the Ford Center for Performing Arts in Dearborn on April 5, 2009. This multi-media presentation integrates the one hundred-voice Rackham Symphony Choir; Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings musicians and four soloists performing while the original film *The Armed Boy* is shown above them. The combination of music and images is a powerful way to express the universality of the themes of peace explored in *The Armed Man*.

We are looking to the youth of the community to create artwork about peace. We invite your students to create original artwork that expresses their message about peace.

- All the artwork will be displayed in the lobby of the Ford Center at the April 5 performance. All participating schools will be listed in the program.
- The artwork chosen as the winner will be reproduced as a postcard with artist's name on it and distributed to all patrons at the event. It will also be featured on www.rackhamchoir.org.
- The winning student will receive a \$50 honorarium.

Please submit the artwork on a standard postcard 3 ¾ "x 5 "and mail to: Rackham Symphony Choir P.O. Box 36788 Grosse Pointe, Michigan **no later** than March 1. All cards must have student name, grade and school written on the back of the card.

I would encourage you and your students to come to the performance on April 5, 2009. There are a limited number of \$15 specially priced tickets for students that Rackham Choir is selling directly. You can get them by calling (313) 404-0222. Limit two per student with valid ID. They are not available through the Ford Center Box Office.

To learn more about *The Armed Man*, or Rackham Symphony Choir, please visit www.rackhamchoir.org.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at (313) 886-9074 at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Melissa Bunker
Administrative Director