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SOKA UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATES PATRIOTS DAY WITH TWO NEW ART EXHIBITS AND CEREMONY

Soka University's Founders Hall Art Gallery will hold a free Opening Reception at 6:30 pm for two new art exhibits devoted to peace as part of its commemoration of Patriots Day on Saturday, September 11th. Immediately following the reception, the public is invited to join SUA students outside at Peace Fountain for a special commemoration ceremony in remembrance of 9/11.

"PEACE'S NEW CENTURY" PROJECT 2004 is a collaboration between Japanese photographer/video artist Masaru Tanaka and San Francisco painter Betsie Miller-Kusz. Tanaka's father was a victim of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima. Miller-Kusz's father was a physicist working on the Manhattan Project in 1945. Their collaboration demonstrates the ability to overcome the terrible history of war and make way for a future of peace. The images include Pearl Harbor, the Demilitarized Zone of the military border between South and North Korea, China, Macao, San Francisco, Mexico, Egypt, the Pacific Ocean, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates. The exhibition also includes the work "Clear Rain", made by both artists simultaneously in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. Artists Masaru Tanaka and Betsie Miller-Kusz will both be present at the Opening Reception to discuss their art.

"BUILDING A CULTURE OF PEACE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD" comes to SUA from its recent showing at Capitol Hill. It was previously featured at United Nations Headquarters in New York and the Forum in Barcelona. The exhibit is an inspiring multi-media production that features the United Nation's Eight Actions for Building a Culture of Peace. It includes materials aimed at individual empowerment, a salute to peace leaders and organizations, and an interactive section for children which includes peace essays and artwork.

"Peace's New Century" exhibit will continue through January 15, 2005 and will be open for free viewing M-F from 9 am to 5 pm. **"Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World"** exhibit will run through October 5th.

Soka University, Aliso Viejo is a private, non-profit, four-year liberal arts college located at 1 University Drive, Aliso Viejo. The university is founded upon the Buddhist principles of peace, human rights and the sanctity of life and is open to top students of all nationalities and beliefs. For more information or directions go to www.soka.edu.