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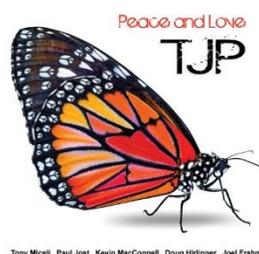
**Sunday, September 17 – 3 P.M.  
Philadelphia Ethical Society**



Photo by Paul Dempsey

Tony Miceli, Paul Jost, Kevin MacConnell

**TJP  
KICKS OFF PEACE DAY PHILLY  
WITH MUSIC FROM THEIR UPCOMING ALBUM –  
“PEACE AND LOVE”**



Philadelphia, PA (Sept. 11, 2017) – “PEACE AND LOVE” is the newest album by Philadelphia-based TJP (formerly known as The Jost Project) – Tony Miceli-vibraphone, Paul Jost-vocal/harmonica, Kevin MacConnell-bass with Doug Hirlinger-drums that was recorded with special guest Joel Frahm-saxophone as well as the youth chorus from Philadelphia Performing Arts, a String Theory Charter School. TJP will kick off Peace Day Philly on Sunday, September 17 at 3 p.m. at the Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 Rittenhouse Square. This free concert is the Preview Party for their new CD that includes such songs as “Get Together”, “Wonderful World”, “Put a Little Love in Your Heart” and “America the Beautiful.” In these tumultuous times, the band hopes the messages in their album will resonate, bringing back reminders of the hippie generation when dialogue and constructive action for peace and love took place everywhere.

Peace Day Philly, the local initiative for the United Nations International Day of Peace observed annually on September 21, takes place across the Philadelphia region for one week, from September 17 through September 23. In its seventh year, there is a wide range of peace-related programs on personal, local and global peace topics. Peace Day Philly founder Lisa Parker is looking forward to this year’s plans. She said, “Diverse, positive peace-building activities can create the conditions for greater understanding, respect, unity and peace. We are pleased about the many collaborations formed for this year, and the more than 30 organizations that are involved. We invite individuals, organizations, government officials and communities to engage in this effort through a meaningful peace-related activity in their home, school or community, or through attending a Peace Day Philly event.”

This year’s global Peace Day theme, set by the United Nations, is: “*Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.*” The United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres said, “Our duty as a human family is to replace fear with kindness.” Peace Day Philly has produced a 2017 video around the global #jointogether campaign set to

the song medley “Waters of March/Get Together” by The Jost Project and with the youth chorus from Philadelphia Performing Arts, a String Theory Charter School (<http://bit.ly/2tzxKM9>).

TJP is a band of highly acclaimed musicians who interpret classic rock as jazz. They are devoted to reaching new audiences for jazz with innovative arrangements of music by such artists as The Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, Aerosmith, Led Zeppelin, Blind Faith and many others. A Philadelphia-based band that performs worldwide, they play frequently throughout Pennsylvania, in New York and New Jersey and have toured in South Korea and Ireland. Their first CD titled “Can’t Find My Way Home” (Dot Time Records) has been played regularly on Sirius XM radio and has audiences raving about their unexpected interpretations of this music. They are reaching into the “baby boomer” and subsequent generations who came of age with rock and roll, the Beatles, hard rock, and other genres which are rarely played by jazz groups. In *Jazz in Europe*, Johan van Deeg wrote, “*The Jost Project is without a doubt one of the most creative bands I have ever heard,*” and Grace Blake, of Iridium, said “*They totally blew me away!*”

For more information about TJP, visit [www.thejostproject.com](http://www.thejostproject.com). The new CD’s official release date is November 20, 2017 and can be purchased on amazon.com, iTunes and DotTimeRecords.com.

For the full list of Peace Day Philly events, most free, visit [www.peacedayphilly.org/events](http://www.peacedayphilly.org/events). For more about Peace Day Philly, go to [www.peacedayphilly.org](http://www.peacedayphilly.org). Peace Day Philly invites everyone to use #peaceday and #phillypeace on social media throughout the week of Peace Day Philly, and to share a response to the question: “*How will you #jointogether to make your community and city a more peaceful place?*”

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## **About the Musicians:**

### **Paul Jost**

**Paul Jost** is an eclectic artist. A vocalist, drummer, arranger and composer who performs frequently in New York, Philadelphia and New Jersey along with recent tours in South Korea, Ireland and Germany. He continues in a residency at the acclaimed New York City jazz room 55 Bar and can be heard at many other venues throughout the city. He is honored to have been invited by acclaimed pianist Orrin Evans to perform together as part of residencies at SMOKE in NYC and South Restaurant and Jazz Parlor in Philadelphia. His solo CD *Breaking Through* (Dot Time Records) continues to receive raves worldwide, and, in addition to “Peace and Love”, he has another CD being released soon titled “Born to Run Reimagined” with Jim Ridl, John Swana, Donald Edwards, Tony Miceli and Chico Huff. Paul can be heard on SiriusXM Radio. Please visit [www.pauljostmusic.com](http://www.pauljostmusic.com) for more information.

### **Tony Miceli**

Vibraphonist **Tony Miceli** has been compared to such legendary players as Milt Jackson and Gary Burton. For the last 30 years, he has performed and taught all over the world, in countless concert halls, festivals, jazz clubs, colleges, schools and even prisons. He was recently featured in a new book called *Masters of the Vibes* with interviews of the top vibraphonists in the world. As a group leader, sideman, and recording artist, he has performed with numerous top musicians including David Liebman, Jimmy Bruno, Ken Peplowski, John Blake, Joel Frahm, Peter Bernstein, Michel Feinstein, Diane Monroe, John Swana, Joe Magnarelli, Steve Slagle, Larry McKenna, and many others. He is endorsed by Mallettech Instruments, Mike Balter Mallets, Alternate Mode and Beiner Bags. He also runs [www.vibesworkshop.com](http://www.vibesworkshop.com) which is an instructional site for the vibraphone with over 5,000 members.

### **Kevin MacConnell**

Living in the Philadelphia area since 1982, bassist Kevin MacConnell has enjoyed a busy and varied musical career. He has performed with jazz greats, Mel Torme, Nancy Wilson, Billy Eckstine and Joe Williams, as well as other international performers such as Diahann Carroll, and opera diva, Denyce Graves; to name a few. He has performed and recorded with tenor saxophonist, Ernie Watts and Phila. jazz legend Larry McKenna and tours throughout the U.S. regularly with a classical/bluegrass hybrid the 'Depue Brothers Band'. Kevin frequently performs as a member of the orchestra of major Broadway show tours.

### **Doug Hirlinger**

Doug Hirlinger has performed throughout the US and Europe with the likes of Ralph Bowen, Ben Gerstein, Stanley Jordan, Joe Magnarelli, Tarus Mateen, Matt Mitchell, Luis Perdomo, Gene Perla as well as the Philadelphia Orchestra. Doug makes computer generated music using acoustic and electronic instruments under the name Man from Nowhere. His first album of this material, *Kora Song and Reconstructions*, was released in September of 2016 on composer and guitarist Tim Motzer's Philadelphia based label 1K Recordings.