



## **Newark Leaders, Schools, Children, Police and Nonprofits to March in Support of Art and Peace**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Creation Nation Art & Peace Parade Commemorates “Newark 50 Years Forward” Participants include “Cops and Kids,” Artists, 1967-Era Champions**

**Where:** Starting and ending in **Military Park**, 51 Park Place, Newark, NJ

**When:** Parade: May 11, 2017 at 2:00 – 3:00 pm  
Youth Arts Festival: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

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**Newark, NJ, April 11, 2017** - Newark area organizations, businesses, artists, schools, students, civic leaders, and elected officials will parade through downtown to **“SAVE THE ARTS”** on May 11 at 2pm. The parade will conclude with a youth arts festival in Military Park.

“The march will be propelled by six marching bands and the Animodule™ sculptures, Newark’s Official Peace Ambassadors, representing the work of thousands of Newark children and youth,” said Chandri Barat, Co-Founder of the Barat Foundation, an organizer of the ten-year parade.

The march melds three movements into one: Newark’s commemoration of 50 years of progress since the historic 1967 civil unrest; the promotion of peacekeeping through partnerships between communities and police; and a public celebration to “Save the Arts,” recognizing the current blossoming of art and culture in Newark.

“What could be better than a parade to unite our city and region?” said Jeremy Johnson, Executive Director of Newark Arts. “We invite the public to join us in support for arts and peace, and to voice support for federal agencies that benefit our communities, such as the National Endowment for the Arts, National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting,” he said.

The parade will culminate with a performing arts festival featuring US cultural ambassador, Eli Yamin, performing his “Healing Song” joined by over 100 Newark children, and Newark’s own Antoinette Montague, bringing songs from her album World Peace in the Key of Jazz. Children from the Newark School of the Arts and the All Stars Project of New Jersey’s “Cops and Kids” program will bring their powerful arts and youth development programs to the festival, joining the voices of the African American churches of Newark, to celebrate the power of the arts to transform lives and communities.

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka along with other dignitaries will attend and speak. “The parade is much more than an artistic celebration. It is a vehicle that engages our youth as invested and productive members of society,” said United States Senator Cory A. Booker. Participants from the events of 1967 will include Rutgers University professor Dr. Junius Williams, New Community Corporation leader Richard Cammarieri, and attorney Michael Griffinger, Esq.

For information about joining the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Creation Nation Art and Peace Parade, visit [www.baratfoundation.org/2017-creation-nation-parade-sign-up](http://www.baratfoundation.org/2017-creation-nation-parade-sign-up) or call 973-353-0003.

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PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS AND OFFICIALS

(in formation)

All Stars Project of New Jersey, Cops and Kids

Barat Foundation

Mayor Ras J. Baraka (Invited)

Senator Cory A. Booker (Invited)

Express Newark

Greater Newark Convention and Visitor Bureau (Newark Happening)

KIPP Newark Collegiate Academy

Michael R. Griffinger, Esq., Gibbons LLP

Legion of Boom Marching Band – Barringer & Science Park HS

Military Park

Antoinette Montague

City of Newark

Newark Arts

Newark Community Street Teams

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

The Newark Museum

Newark Public Schools

Newark School of the Arts

Rutgers University – Newark

Malcolm X Shabazz High School Marching Band

West Side Campus Marching Band

Junius Williams, Rutgers University – Newark

Eli Yamin, artist