

## Chinese and American teenagers sing for peace on the Int'l Day of Peace

"Have you ever heard that song from a distance, from the other side of the ocean? It is calling on us to set sail." As a steamer blows its whistle, it changes into a peace dove that is flying across the Pacific Ocean. Teenagers from the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) and New York presented a virtual chorus together.

The International Day of Peace, observed around the world annually on 21 September, was adopted by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly. Meanwhile, the 3rd Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture & Arts Festival fired up the passion for art in the bay areas. As a part of the festival, Nanfang Media Group and the Guangdong People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries jointly launched the Arts Talk among Global Bay Areas Program.



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The song is composed by Chen Si'ang, a composer from Guangdong and associate professor of the Composition Department of Xinghai Conservatory of Music. The lyrics were written by young composer Chen Yang and performed by two choirs. It took them half a year to create and complete this lively and fairytale-like song, which conveys their sincere wish for world peace.

This was an intercultural dialogue between two bay areas. The music video of the song shows the young choristers singing at landmarks in the GBA and New York, such as the Haixin Bridge, the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, Times Square, and Central Park. With their songs, they built a bridge of friendship across borders to facilitate good faith dialogues and promote the essence of arts and culture of bay areas through an art dialogue.



Follow the shiny stars in the sky  
追随天上群星璀璨  
Heading for this wonderful land  
驶向那片美好的天地

