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EARTHDANCE: THE GLOBAL FESTIVAL FOR PEACE
OFFICIALLY HOLDS THE *GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS*' TITLE FOR
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DRUMMER/WORLD MUSIC PERCUSSIONIST EXTRAORDINAIRE *MICKEY HART*

[San Francisco, CA, June 10, 2005]: Earthdance: The Global Festival For Peace with conductor Mickey Hart officially holds the Guinness Book of World Records title for the "Largest Drum Ensemble," consisting of 4,374 participants, exceeding the former record by over 1000 for the largest drumming circle in history. On September 18th, 2004 at the Festival's 'Mother Ship' location at Mendocino County's Black Oak Ranch in Laytonville, CA, EarthDance hosted "Drums Of Peace," in an attempt to break the world record. Remo Drums donated 3,500 drums, which were given to registrants and additionally almost 1000 more drums were brought in by festival participants.

The drum circle was led by venerable Grateful Dead drummer/world music percussionist extraordinaire Mickey Hart and friends. Mr. Hart brought along a host of world class drummers which included Zakir Hussain, Sikuru Adepoju, Airtó Moreira, Karl Perazzo (Santana), Kim Atkinson, Chalo Edwards, Gregg Ellis, and Jorge Bermudez to help lead the participants. They performed the song "Not Fade Away" for the required 5 minutes and continued on for another hour playing with the entire ensemble, each drummer taking a section to lead in their own style.

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The pilot of an airplane, flying overhead capturing the drums on video from the air commented "The only thing pilots have ever felt while flying that was manmade was the bombs they had just dropped. Today I felt the air moving my airplanes wings to the Drums of Peace."

Since **1997**, **EarthDance** has become the largest synchronized music & dance festival in the world. **Earthdance 2005, The United Beats of Peace Festival**, will take place September 16th, 17th, and 18th at the renowned Black Oak Ranch, HWY 101, Laytonville, California. A highlight of this years festival will be a synchronized global link up, taking place on Saturday the 17th, at 4pm (PST), **Earthdance** California will join over 150 cities across the world. At this precise moment, a specially created song called the "prayer for peace" will be played in every location at the same time.

Earthdance Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The annual **Earthdance** event is the primary funding source for **Earthdance Foundation** and the many charities it supports. For more information, log on to www.earthdance.org.

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