

Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi to deliver message March 3 at Nobel Peace Prize Forum

MINNEAPOLIS – Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 1991 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, will deliver a special message to attendees of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum during the closing ceremonies on March 3 at Ted Mann Concert Hall. The Burmese democratic opposition leader is running for a seat in that country's parliament.

“We are honored that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi accepted our invitation to deliver a video address to attendees of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. She spent decades under house arrest and only has been allowed to speak publicly a handful of times,” said Maureen Reed, executive director of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum. “To have her choose the Forum as an outlet to share her message is an honor. The topic of the Forum this year is ‘The Price of Peace,’ and Aung San Suu Kyi has paid an enormous price in standing up for principles of human rights and reconciliation.”

For nearly 20 years, Aung San Suu Kyi lived under house arrest and was unable to freely speak in public. However, the regime recently has eased some restrictions on political activity and Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy, is now running for Parliament.

Other keynote speakers at the 24th annual Nobel Peace Prize Forum – a conference that celebrates Nobel Peace Prize laureates, international and national leaders – includes:

- **Nobel Peace Prize Laureate F.W. de Klerk**, former president of South Africa who was instrumental in ending apartheid in partnership with Nelson Mandela.
- **Naomi Tutu**, international human rights advocate and daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, will present a closing call to action.
- **Adam Hochschild**, journalist, teacher, and author, will speak about the moral issues of World War I and those who tried to prevent the carnage that occurred.
- **Dessa**, nationally known hip-hop and spoken-word artist, will talk about ethics, hip-hop, and present a mini-set.
- **Nobel Laureate Peter Agre**, 2003 Nobel Prize in Chemistry and Augsburg College alumnus, will address the role of science in behind-the-scenes efforts to foster humanitarian objectives that are not possible for politicians and government leaders.
- **Saki Macozoma** – business leader, former member of South Africa's parliament, and a prisoner on Robben Island during apartheid – will talk about business and the price of peace in post-apartheid South Africa.
- **Joe Cavanaugh**, Youth Frontiers founder, talks of building respectful school communities.
- **Andrew Slack**, founder of the Harry Potter Alliance, will address how to use the morals and lessons of Harry Potter to fight the dark arts in the real world.

The 2012 Nobel Peace Prize Forum, which runs March 1-3 in Minneapolis, explores issues related to peacemaking and causes of conflict and war, includes tracks related to business, arts and music, education, and global studies. A special, 50th anniversary presentation of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* will be performed as part of the event.

The forum is organized by Augsburg College, in partnership with the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, and with ongoing sponsorship from the original college partners. The Nobel Peace Prize Forum is the only affiliation of the Nobel Institute outside Norway. It was founded during 1989 through a unique partnership between the Norwegian Nobel Institute and five private colleges – Augsburg, Augustana, Concordia (Moorhead), Luther and St. Olaf.

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