

## Schedule of Events

**1:00 pm**

**Philip Traynor**, President of Peace Fresno extends the warmest welcome to everyone, and introduces our very special guest Master of Ceremonies- Les Marsden.

**Philip Traynor** earned Masters' Degrees in Public Administration, Law and Theology. His early professional experience has been primarily in management of health programs ranging from farmworker health centers, to hospice programs. Since 1997 he has worked as part of the Development Team of Radio Bilingue. During his career he has served on a variety of local, regional and State Boards.

**Les Marsden** is a Fresno native who currently resides in Mariposa, CA. He is a classically trained musician, composer and conductor, internationally known playwright, actor and director who has won numerous awards, including London's prestigious "Laurence Olivier Award" (the UK equivalent of the "Tony") and the "London Critic's Award". When injury forced his retirement from the stage at age 42, he returned to Central California in the Central Valley and began many years of volunteerism and public service to give back to the community and country in which Les and his family are profoundly grateful to reside. Among his many current activities, Les is a member of the Mariposa County Planning Commission, the President of the Economic Development Corp. of Mariposa County, and is the founder, music director, and conductor of the Mariposa Symphony Orchestra.

**1:15 pm**

**We will assemble to TAKE ACTION!** Participants will join together to stage a "Die In" at the Federal Building.

**Heartland Harvest** will entertain at the stage with live bluegrass. Heartland Harvest performs bluegrass driven songs described by some as being on the "edge" of tradition. Songs with topical, social and political overtones, embraced with bluegrass style harmonies, Bill Lehr (guitar/banjo), Linda Guerrero (fiddle), Chris Darden (mandolin), Mike Reilly (guitar) will blend their voices to tickle your funny bone and brighten your day. They have performed at The King's River Bluegrass Festival, Fresno's Civil War Reenactments at Kearney Park and the Summer Barn Dances at Wawona's Pioneer Village, Yosemite National Park. They performed on stage in "The Grapes of Wrath" and "Much Ado About Nothing" at Fresno City College and Fresno State, respectively; and received a Merit Achievement Award by The Kennedy Center during their American College Theater Festival Competition.

*(the following times are approximate after the "Die In")*

**1:45 pm**

**Kenny Hall and the Santa Fe Ramblers** Born blind on October 14, 1923 in San Jose, California, now residing in Fresno, Kenny Hall is a master mandolinist and fiddler in old-time music styles (southeastern rural U.S.), music from other parts of the U.S., Ireland, Mexico, Latin America, and many parts of Europe. An energetic and passionate performer, Kenny has also been an inspiration to hundreds of musicians from around the world. A Kenny Hall program is one of world rhythms, stories and folk songs. Members of Heartland Harvest, along with his wife Marta (on the bodhran) round off the line up of the Santa Fe Ramblers.

**2:15 pm**

**Roberto Rodriguez, PhD**, is a research associate at the Mexican American Studies and Research Center at the University of Arizona. He is a longtime award winning journalist/columnist. Many of his awards have come about in the area of defense of the First Amendment and Human Rights. His interest in research that developed pursuant to his column writing concerns origins and migration stories of Indigenous people of the Americas.

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**Dr. Rodriguez'** current field of study is maize culture, migration and the role of stories and oral traditions among Mexican and Central American Peoples. He is involved in creating Indigenous Studies within the discipline of Mexican/Chicana/o Studies. His work, based on a series of interviews with Indigenous elders throughout the continent, has resulted in several documentaries, including: Amoxtli San Ce Tojuan - We Are One (2005). He continues to write a nationally syndicated column. He is the author of "Justice: A Question of Race". In 2003, he and wife Patricia Gonzales were named Distinguished Community Scholars at UCLA's César E. Chávez Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies.

**2:40 pm**

**The Raging Grannies** perform topical songs you will be tempted to sing along to! Please do! The Raging Grannies (or just "Raging Grannies") are activist organizations that started in Victoria, British Columbia, over the winter of 1986/87. There are now groups in many cities and towns in different countries. They are social justice activists, all women old enough to be grandmothers, who dress up in clothes that mock stereotypes of older women, and sing songs at protests. They typically write the songs themselves, putting their political messages to the tunes of well known songs. **The Fresno Raging Grannies** made their inaugural appearance at the annual Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Crafts Faire on December 3, 2005.

**3:00 pm**

**Cindy Sheehan** is an anti-war activist. Her son, Casey, was killed in the Iraq War in 2004. She is a co-founder of Gold Star Families for Peace. She attracted international attention in Aug. 2005 for her extended demonstration at a camp outside President Bush's Texas ranch. Dubbed "Peace Mom" (which is also the title of one of five books she has authored or co-authored), she then moved her protests to Washington, D.C., where she was arrested at a demonstration outside the White House in Sept. 2005, and again in Jan. 2006 after displaying an anti-war slogan while attending President Bush's State of the Union Address; the charges were dropped the next day.

In July 2007, she announced that she would run against Speaker Nancy Pelosi in California. She qualified for the ballot in Aug. 2008 as an independent candidate. She did her best to drive a wedge between Pelosi and the anti-war Left, making an issue in particular of Pelosi's decision to continue funding the Iraq War and her refusal to pursue the impeachment of President Bush. She finished second to Pelosi in the Nov. 2008 election.

Currently she hosts "Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox", an internet radio show available for podcast on [www.cindysheehanssoapbox.com](http://www.cindysheehanssoapbox.com)

**3:35 pm**

**Los Traviesos Musical** are a young local band from Kerman, CA. The band is comprised of seven members for special events such as Quinceaneras (Sweet 16's), weddings, parties, radio and TV event. They also play Mexican Regional Music such as Cumbias, Rancheras, Zapateados and Romanticas.

**4:00 pm**

**Thank you** for supporting the 8th Annual Rally in the Valley for Peace and Justice. We hope this has been a pleasant and informative experience. Please remember to remove your belongings and deposit garbage in the proper receptacles.

*Peace Fresno adheres to the principles of nonviolence. Participants at Peace Fresno events are expected to respect all people and property. Please refrain from confrontations and promptly report any concerns to the nearest security monitor.*