



“MAKE ART FOR PEACE APPEAL”

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks, the world witnessed the senseless escalation of grave violations in Ukraine against pregnant women, new-born babies and children whose right to protection under international humanitarian law, has been disregarded.

In the midst of this crisis, we, as Istanbul Art Residency in collaboration with community partners, are planning to organise a large art charity exhibition to raise funds aimed at providing urgent medical supplies to children and maternity hospitals in the most affected areas in Ukraine. The collections in the art exhibition will largely be by Ukrainian Artists, who themselves have witnessed the devastating effects of conflict first-hand. Turkish artists and other international artists will also feature their art, in a display of support and solidarity towards the “Make Art for Peace Appeal.

We are also networking with other volunteer community organisations, NGOs (UNICEF) seeking to harness the energy of communities willing to help and support us in this meaningful mission.

Throughout history, art has often given voice to the oppressed such as in Picasso’s “Guernica” which expresses the hideous violence of war. Art is often a reflection of inspired artists who capture the meaning of solidarity during these unprecedented times. It certainly has the power to form a bridge between communities.

We invite you to manifest your advocacy for peace by supporting our “Make Art For Peace” Appeal, which will take place on 28 April 2022 at Fisekhane. Your participation as a sponsor, exhibitor or donor will help ensure that children, new-borns and pregnant women in Ukraine will receive necessary urgent medical and life supplies and support through UNICEF.

Your engagement and contributions will form the hope that is within each of us to render assistance.

We will follow-up this request with further communications as the plan matures. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need further details please do not hesitate to contact us on +90 532 708 55 75 and +90 544 802 77 90.

In peace and gratitude,

Yours Sincerely

On behalf of Istanbul Art Residency in collaboration with General Consulate of Ukraine