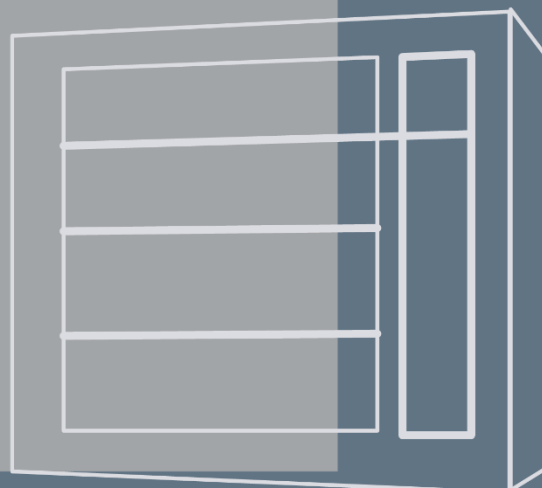


WongAvery Asia Pacific Peace Museum Grand Opening Gala

June 9, 2024

For Education
For Peace
For A Better World





PROGRAMME

Emcees: Melissa Chan and Ethan Cheng

Welcome Performance

Canadian Sinfonietta Youth Orchestra String Quartet:
A Selection of Works for String Quartet, Including Some Asian Folk Songs

Opening Performance

April Dream Choir: The Prayer and You Raise Me Up
Conducted by Sehyun Kang

Land Acknowledgement

National Anthem

Chen Chen

Welcome and Recognition

Dr. Joseph Y.K. Wong, Founder ALPHA Education

APPM Presentations

Flora M.L. Chong, Executive Director ALPHA Education
Gen-Ling Chang, Deputy Executive Director ALPHA Education

Dinner

Guzheng Performance

Michele Fu: Spring of The Snowy Mountains 雪山春晓

Catalyst for Change Awards

Joy Kim, Recipient Educator Award
Vanessa Chen, Recipient Youth Award
Chen Chen, Recipient Youth Award

Vocal Performance

Chen Chen: A Song for Iris
Theme song for *Iris Chang-The Rape of Nanking*

Closing Performance

Kalsen Cheung, Philippe Escayola, Janel Jones: Together

Lucky Draws

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dear Patrons, Friends and Supporters of ALPHA Education,

After seven years of hard labour, dedication and relentless efforts of the WongAvery Asia Pacific Peace Museum team, with joy and excitement, we share with you that the museum is officially opened on June 8, 2024.

The dream of building a museum in Toronto that is dedicated to education and peace through the context of the history of WWII in Asia has finally materialized. But it can only be possible because of the trust and generosity of many supporters like you, and the collective efforts of a dedicated team that comprises individuals, institutions, and professionals who share similar passion for peace and selflessly their expertise.

The mandates of the WongAvery Asia Pacific Peace Museum are for education, for peace, and for a better world. The opening of the museum is just the beginning of a long journey. Through innovative education programs offered by the museum, we hope our younger generations will be inspired to be social contributors and peace ambassadors.

Your continuous support is crucial for the ongoing programs and operations of the museum to ensure young people are taught and inspired with positive values from the human atrocities of WWII in Asia.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

On behalf of the ALPHA Education board,



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Dr. Joseph Y.K. Wong
Chair & Founder



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Flora Chong'.

Flora M.L. Chong
*Vice Chair &
Executive Director*



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Gen-Ling Chang
*Secretary &
Deputy Executive Director*

ALPHA EDUCATION

Founded in 1997, ALPHA Education is a not-for-profit and registered charity in Canada that promotes a critical-historical inquiry of World War II in Asia to advance peace and reconciliation.

ALPHA Education's mission is a commitment to humanity and global peace. This commitment is achieved through four strategic directions: engaging students and educators, empowering youth, supporting research, and connecting with communities.

ALPHA Education programs, events, and initiatives aim to develop the values of humanity, equity, and diversity. By remembering and giving voice to the human side of the history in our education work, contemporary issues such as racism, discrimination and hate, gender bias and violence, ethics and empathy, identity and belonging are explored.

Please visit www.alphaeducation.org for more information

WONGAVERY ASIA PACIFIC PEACE MUSEUM

Situated in Toronto, the WongAvery Asia Pacific Peace Museum (APPM) is the first in the world to be dedicated to educating and commemorating the entirety of the history of World War II in Asia. With humanity and peace as its themes, it is a historical milestone. It is a place to witness and remember a forgotten and ignored history, and a space to provoke research and actions for peace and reconciliation.

The APPM exhibit contents and designs are founded on the principles of authenticity, equity, justice, compassion, respect, and are based on the premise of education. The APPM is a place to host permanent and feature exhibitions that provide critical understanding of the causes and consequences of the atrocities of WWII in Asia; a research hub for academics and students to engage in critical inquiry on various aspects of the war; an education platform that hosts educational programs, lectures, workshops, film screenings for youths, educators, and the community; and a centre for commemorative events.

Please visit www.asiapacificpeacemuseum.com for more information

2024 CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARDS

EDUCATOR AWARD

The Catalyst for Change (C4C) Educator Award recognises educators whose work align with ALPHA Education’s mission of empowering young people to see themselves as constructive contributors and informed, responsible global citizens in advancing cultures of peace through critical inquiry and understanding of the history of WWII in Asia.



When **Joy Kim** entered middle school in Cobourg, Ontario, she was thrown into French Immersion and expected to swim. In 2007, Joy Kim graduated from the University of Waterloo with an Honours Arts degree in French Teaching Specialization and a Bachelor of Education through Brock University. From there, she started her journey as an educator in the YRDSB and is currently a TDSB Vice-Principal at Westview Centennial Secondary School.

When Joy discovered the “iHistory Meets Humanity Series”, she seized the opportunity and partnered with ALPHA Education’s team on bringing the often-untold history of WWII in Asia. At the time, ALPHA Education was also partnered with Westview on the “Shadows of Racism, Voices UnHeard” project through the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement. Through both series of workshops, participants were engaged in rich discussions around humanity, racism, and social justice. Staff and students, especially those who identified as being Asian, felt empowered as their history and experiences, often overlooked, were being acknowledged, validated and given a voice.

When Joy isn’t seeking valuable experiential learning opportunities for her school community, she can be found at home playing the role of referee to her two young boys.

2024 CATALYST FOR CHANGE AWARDS

YOUTH AWARDS

The Catalyst for Change (C4C) Youth award recognises the contributions of young people and their commitment by example in active contributions to critical inquiry and understanding of WWII in Asia. It also recognises their constructive leadership in advancing global peace by engaging other youth to see themselves as future serving leaders.



Ever since **Vanessa Chen** was introduced to ALPHA Education in high school, she has been involved with the organization. She participated in the Oral History Project: Voices Otherwise Unheard in 2017 and went on to become a member of the ALPHA Education university chapter at Western University from 2018 to 2021. In the summer of 2020, Vanessa joined the Asia Pacific Peace Museum (APPM) team as a museum development researcher through the Canada Summer Jobs program. She supported research and design for a number of exhibits.

Vanessa is currently a first-year medical student at Western University where she continues to be involved with researching for the APPM through the service learning program. She is excited to continue nurturing her love for history and passion for ALPHA Education's mission throughout her educational and professional journey.



Chen Chen is a medical student at Queen's University with a passion for medical research and healthcare, having already earned an MSc from the University of Toronto Department of Molecular Genetics and a BSc at McMaster University. Inspired by various history teachers and the unresolved frustrations from her family in China, Chen is also committed to preserving the voices of WWII survivors and their families for generation to come.

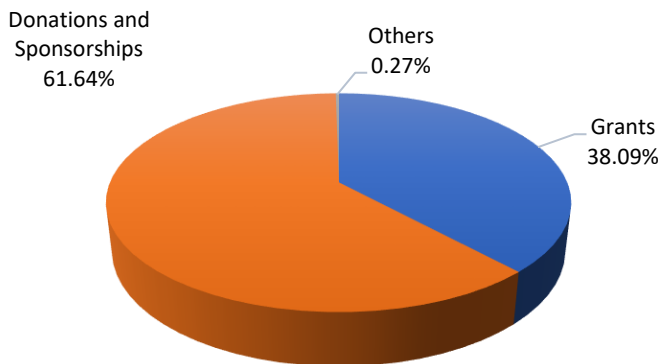
Chen's advocacy for issues surrounding the history and legacies of WWII in Asia has had deep impact in her communities. As co-president of McMaster ALPHA, she raised awareness for WWII atrocities and introduced discussions on ethics in post-war trials through photo exhibits and film screenings. For UofT ALPHA, Chen engaged students through art competitions and podcasts spotlighting survivors of WWII in Asia. At medical school, Chen used her interview with the director of the Unit 731 Museum in Harbin, China to familiarize her peers with the roles that physicians played in human experimentation and biochemical warfare during WWII in Asia.

Lastly, Chen has volunteered for the APPM. Through research, she created content for permanent exhibitions, offering visual display ideas based on family stories. Given limited physical space and an extensive volume of testimonies, she also designed supplementary app content. She has won an Ontario Service Award and CPAC Youth Award for her service at the museum and student education.

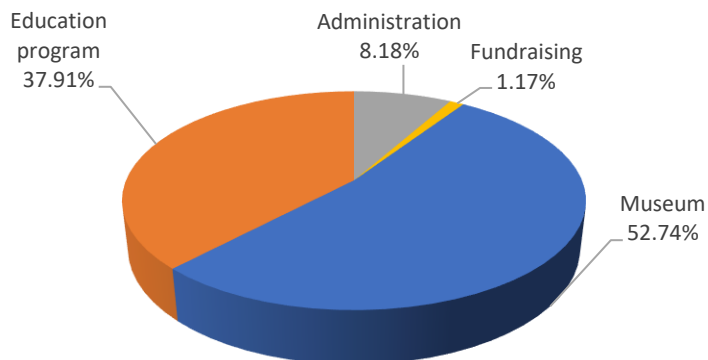
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Thank you for your gift of giving.
It is vital to the work we do and our capacity to increase ALPHA Education’s impact.

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OUR IMPACT

“One of the reasons I believe that ALPHA’s work is so important is...the premise of highlighting how important memory is. [I] was deeply inspired by this valuation of remembrance as a tool of social justice, and for that I am very thankful for the internship.” – Leticia M., 2023 Summer Intern

From 2010 to 2024...



16,038 students engaged and inspired as positive changemakers



4,061 educators collaborated in WWII in Asia history and anti-racism workshops



12,296 community members involved in joint social justice commitments

OUR MUSEUM EDUCATION PROGRAMS

What does it mean to learn from history? Why is it important to remember World War II in the Asia Pacific theatre, as we do for the European theatre?

The answers and response to these two key questions will be central to our museum-based education initiatives which will focus on engaging youth, educators, and communities.

It is our intention that the learning ALPHA Education provides on war aggression is also a journey of hope and peace, centering the impact and significance, for generations, of a war which affected much of the world. On a journey from a peace perspective, participants will hear the voices of those who experienced the scourges of war, engage in activities that deepen a reflective understanding of war and peace, and feel a connection to the past and its implications for the future: global peace for all.

Using a compassionate, immersive approach that transforms the history of WWII in Asia as a subject into experiences to be lived and felt, our museum-based education programs will inspire both primary and secondary audiences to consider the relevance to contemporary society and their own agency and power in building cultures of peace. At the same time, gain knowledge and understanding why 1931 -1945 war years are both the history of Asia and the world.

“Without peace, societies are often plagued by conflict, violence, and instability, which can hinder progress and result in the loss of lives and resources.” (United Nations SDG 16)

It is this profound meaning-making capacity of self and of others that promote inclusive and peaceful societies. After all, in the words of Betty Reardon, a foundational figure in peace education, “We must change ourselves and our immediate realities and relationships if we are to change our social structures and our patterns of thought.”

LOOKING AHEAD: OUR DIGITAL MUSEUM

ALPHA Education will build on its thoughtful experience of developing a physical museum to design and establish a digital museum, *Living History: Hope & Peace* that will enable learning anywhere and anytime. It will extend impact of our commitment to humanity and a better world provincially, nationally, and internationally.

This online project will be developed with the support of the Digital Museums Canada investment program. Digital Museums Canada is managed by the Canadian Museum of History, with the financial support of the Government of Canada.

EXAMPLES OF OUR EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Summer Internship Program

Youth: Canadian & International undergraduates & postgraduates

An eight-week full or a six-week audit program to promote exploration of sustainable peacebuilding, through critical inquiry of the history and legacies of World War II in Asia. Participants in the full program complete a research project in an area of their interest that at the same time contributes to ALPHA Education's research and education programs.



Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC) Program

Youth: Students from University of Toronto Faculty of Law & Lincoln Alexander School of Law.

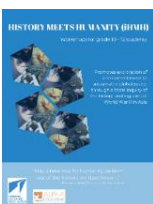
ALPHA Education provides a curriculum on WWII in Asia as background knowledge for the student research on legal topics related to WWII in Asia. In 2023 – 2024, students researched and produced papers on post-war trials, survivor lawsuits, and post-war treaties and agreements, adding to ALPHA Education publications which students in other programs could use.



Global Engagement Projects

Youth: University of Michigan undergraduates enrolled in the Global Scholarship Program

Undergraduate from various academic disciplines in the University of Michigan Global Scholars Program examine the history WWII in Asia and social change to develop historical thinking about the past into current and future social praxis.



iHistory Meets Humanity (iHMH)

Youth: Grades 10 -12 students

iHMH offers a range workshops on topics & issues on WWII in Asia. Students learn about the untold histories and their connections to social injustices such as racism, violence against women, forced labour, displacement, fragmentation of communities and more. Critical historical thinking, perspectives-taking, and empathy are fostered.



Shadows of Racism, Voices Unheard

Youth: Grades 9 – 12 students

Funded by the Government of Canada, the project workshops explore history, identity, and representation. Centering student voices, students connect with their communities to listen, learn, and re-tell their stories of excellence and contributions to Canada, using art and video, as counter narratives to racism, discrimination and hate. It is with hope that the unheard stories will spark similar narratives and conversations beyond theirs.

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LYRICS - A SONG FOR IRIS CHANG

Theme song for *Iris Chang-The Rape of Nanking*

Written and Composed by: Olivia Cheng, Yo Yo Sham, Guy Zerafa, Dave Klotz and Joey Sun Ming Ou

VERSE 1

Just a little child
they took it all away
Your blood, your life
Your trust, your faith
You died reborn in pain
Red as the river,
looming large the gate
Darkness in your heart,
drowning in hate
I'll dedicate my life to get
your stories told

CHORUS

I'll give voice to the voiceless
Silenced for too long
Crying out for justice
Trust me with your pain
I'll take it as my own
I'll fight to get the truth heard
My weapon is my word

VERSE 2

One more time, remember
The horror and the pain
They raped you of your pride
robbed of your dignity
Speak of how they stole your peace
screaming to cease

Repeat CHORUS

BRIDGE

It's done. The pages filled
With blood and tears
Not in vain
The world will finally hear

CHORUS 2

I gave voice to the voiceless
Now I'm silencing my own
What I've left behind, remember
In you my spirit lives on
Find my light, keep it bright,
Pass it on.
Find my light,
Pass it on.

LYRICS - TOGETHER

Song for ALPHA Education

Written and composed by Kalsen Cheung

VERSE 1

It has been many years
Since the time of darkness roamed
Nations were fighting
Soldiers were falling
Countless brutalities
Here we are together
We can learn about the past
How children died
How women cried
In a time when love and aid were denied

VERSE 2

We cannot let truth be buried
We shall not forget their stories
We will not let hatred take over
But instead, we'll shine right through the rain

CHORUS

Wipe away our tears
Put aside our fears
Looking out for one another
Reignite our hopes together
Wipe away our tears
Put aside our fears

Building a better world together
Till we can count our blessings together

Repeat VERSE 2

Repeat CHORUS

BRIDGE

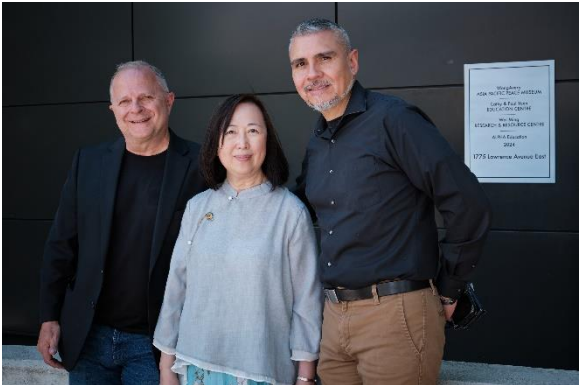
Hold our hands together
There will be brighter days
We stand tall together
Let us all rejoice together

CHORUS 2

Wipe away our tears
Put aside our fears
Looking out for one another
Reignite our hopes together
Wipe away our tears
Put aside our fears
Building a better world together
Till we can count our blessings together
Building a better world together
Till we can count our blessings together

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