

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation

Peace Singers

Peter, Paul, and Mary

By MARK WHITEHURST / CASA

SINGERS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD, Peter, Paul and Mary, were honored by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation for a life time of raising social consciousness for peace at an event held last week at the Old Victoria Theatre.

"If you went to jail for justice, let me shake your hand," were some of the lyrics of a song sung by **Peter Yarrow** and **Noel (Paul) Stookey** at the Awards Ceremony where the trio, sans Mary Travers who was recovering from recent surgery, received the 2007 Distinguished Peace Leadership Award.

"They've worked with great heart and determination, showing us, through their songs and their actions, that there can be no peace without justice and no justice without peace," stated **David Krieger**, President, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Folk music icons that were activists, Peter, Paul, and Mary sang at the 1963 human rights demonstration where Martin Luther King gave his "I have a dream speech," with 250,000 people in attendance at the Washington Monument in Washington D.C.

"A two-sided sword of folk music sliced through those times, one side being 'Get the hell out of the war'... and the other side being, 'Oh my God,' the poignancy of being away as a soldier and the family waits for the return," commented **Noel (Paul) Stookey**.

Raising their melodic voices – for peace – Peter and Noel (Paul) drew the audience into the folk and peace music genre and everyone clapped their hands and sang vibrantly together both before and after the award presentation.

"In no way did I think that folk music alone was going to do it, but I did think it was more than simply the window dressing or the accompaniment to events that were changing the concept of Americans as to who they were and what they might be on a day-to-day basis. I felt that it had a reciprocal relationship with those events," was a quote used in the program by **Peter Yarrow**.

Steven Crandell, Master of Ceremonies and Director of Development and Publics Affairs, effortlessly guided the audience through the long standing traditions and mission of the NAPF, introductions, and whole heartedly joined the singing and clapping with childhood heros that made the evening so memorable.

The evening began with a reception at the Cafe Buenos Aires, moved to the Old Victoria Theatre for the award presentation and song fest, then moved to Bouchon for an intimate dinner.

A video tribute was viewed that included comments and compliments from all time great folk singer and song writer, **Pete Seeger**. Also, shown were several video congratulations from past recipients that included Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**; Anti-war activist, **Daniel Ellsburg**; and also from Congresswoman **Lois Capps**.

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation was established in 1982, a non-profit organization that is based in Santa Barbara.

For information visit www.wagingpeace.org.



Jolene Delisa and Peter Yarrow



Noel (Paul) Stookey and Peter Yarrow



Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President **David Krieger** presenting the Distinguished Peace Leadership Award to **Noel (Paul) Stookey** and **Peter Yarrow**



(from left to right) Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President **David Krieger**, Board members **Mark Hamilton**, **Jill Dexter**, **Rob Laney** and **Sue Hawes**. **Frank Kelly** is seated. Director of Development **Steven Crandell** is standing behind.



(from left) **Bill Allaway**, **Carol Ann Manzi**, **Fabio Duran**, **Thomas Heck** and **Frank Kelly** (seated)



(from left) Board Member **Selma Rubin**, **Judy Henteloff**, and **Sophia Haimovitz**



Peter Yarrow and Rob Laney



C.G. "Dr. Chuck" Mendelson and Peter Yarrow



Director of Development **Steven Crandell**



Larry Crandell and Peter Yarrow



Peter Yarrow, Mark Whitehurst, and Noel (Paul) Stookey