

MEDIA NOTICE

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HARPERMAN SING-ALONG COMING TO PARLIAMENT HILL SEPTEMBER 17TH

(Ottawa) If the messages in Tony Turner's *Harperman* resonate with you, bring your voice to the steps of Parliament Hill and join like-minded Canadians in singing this protest song at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2015. The song will also be featured in events being organized in over 35 other communities across the country such as Fredericton, NB, Elliot Lake, ON, and Nanaimo, BC. (Visit Harperman.ca for the list of locations/times).

Ottawa singer-songwriter Arthur McGregor will open the event with *O Canada*, followed by a *Welcome Blessing* from Algonquin Elder Albert Dumont. Clive Doucet will speak briefly in tribute to Turner, followed by the sing-along, which will feature two of Turner's compositions: *Harperman* and his uplifting *Circle of Song*, recently published in *Rise Again*, the iconic folk music songbook. Lyrics to both songs will be distributed at the event.

While Turner is unable to attend this event, citizen voices are joining together to support him in song and send a message that Canada is a country that values freedom of expression. The event also reiterates the importance of Parliament Hill as a democratic forum for all citizens.

David de Weerd, one of the organizers of a sing-along in Guelph, ON, says: "The song has really struck a chord with us across the country... there are now over 35 towns and cities inviting others to join them in Harperman sing-alongs on September 17th, such as Fredericton, NB, Elliot Lake, ON and Nanaimo, BC."

Chris White, a key organizer of the Parliament Hill sing-along, noted that: "Our hope is that all citizens will consider the issues facing our country, exercise their democratic right, and vote according to their conscience on October 19th". He added: "With a month to go to voting day, these joyful singing events across Canada help remind Canadians of our inherent values and rights".

Visit the Harperman.ca website for background on the *Harperman* Song Project.

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