

News Release ~ *Global Drummers Alliance for Hunger Relief*

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***Global Drummers Alliance for Hunger Relief to
Host 'Hunger Beat-Down' on January 14th, 2012
Drummers will simultaneously play the same solo to raise awareness of world hunger***

St. Paul, Minn—The statistics are staggering. More than 925 million people around the world—many of them children—are malnourished, according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

Are we doing enough to help feed the starving children of the world? The Global Drummers Alliance for Hunger Relief doesn't think so. That's why on January 14th, 2012 at 2 PM Central Time (3 PM Eastern, 12 PM Pacific Time), more than XXX drummers from communities across the world will host a "hunger beat-down." They will simultaneously play the same drum solo to raise awareness about world hunger and to encourage citizens to help feed the starving children. They will play a commonly known drum solo called "Three Camps," which replicates the kind of drumming used by army camps during the Civil War to communicate with each other.

In CITY, the drumming will feature NAME OF DRUMMERS playing at LOCATION at TIME. These drummers will be encouraging people to donate to charities working to end world hunger.

According to NAME OF LOCAL DRUMMMER, "We're participating in this event because world hunger is something we, as a country, need to do more about. We're looking forward to joining our fellow drummers across the globe to raise awareness about starving children."

The idea for the hunger beat-down came from Marv Dahlgren, a nationally known percussionist from the Twin Cities.

"I'm concerned that the world is not paying enough attention to the incredible famine that exists in Africa and other countries across the world," Dahlgren said. "I believe those of us who live in the richest nation on earth owe it to the starving children of the world to help them survive the ravages of famine. I want to keep beating the drum to make sure we don't forget about the millions

of children who are losing their lives every day to starvation,” Dahlgren said.

Dahlgren has worked closely with Twin Cities percussionist David Stanoch to organize the hunger beat-down. Stanoch is a prolific Twin Cities drummer who has played with some of the best-known musicians around the world.

About NAME OF LOCAL DRUMMER(S)
(INSERT YOUR BIO INFORMATION HERE)

About Marv Dahlgren

Marv Dahlgren is a nationally known figure in the drumming world, having authored and co-authored many influential books on drumming, including 4-Way Coordination, Accent on Accents, and Drumset Control. 4-Way Coordination was recently named by Modern Drummer magazine as one of the 50 best percussion instruction books ever written. Marv was the former principal percussionist and assistant timpanist for the Minnesota Orchestra, now retired. In addition to the albums he has made with the orchestra, Marv has also recorded with Cat Stevens and Leo Kottke and has performed on many jingles. Marv is also known as an excellent mallet player and performs on vibes with his own jazz group in venues around the Twin Cities. As a part of the percussion department at McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, Marv conducts frequent master classes. Other teaching experience includes Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota, both in the Twin Cities.

About David Stanoch

David has performed globally with a highly eclectic array of talent, including Sheryl Crow, Richard Davis, Herb Ellis, Robert Goulet, Col. Bruce Hampton, Scott Henderson, Shirley Jones, Keb'Mo', Jack McDuff, New Kids On The Block, Bernard Purdie, Bonnie Raitt, Don Rickles, Martin Short, Ben Sidran, Clyde Stubblefield, Timbuk3, Butch Vig, and Mary Wilson. Locally he juggles live and studio freelance work with regular duties for several bands, including the progressive trio TRIPLICATE. He has been described by DRUM! magazine as being “so good that it’s intimidating.” Since 1999, David has co-produced several critically acclaimed CD’s on his own Rhythmelodic Records label. He has studied with master drummers Max Roach, Alan Dawson, Jeff Hamilton, Ignacio Berroa, and Chad Wackerman, and has been a McNally Smith faculty member and co-author of the curriculum for the percussion school since 1990.

Some recommended charities working to reduce world hunger

Unicef – Somalia: http://www.unicefusa.org/?gclid=CK_zvvrNpawCFQyFQAodbAhqBA

Feeding America: <http://feedingamerica.org/>

Regional USA: <http://www.harrychapinfoodbank.org/>

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