

MAY DAY-International Workers' Day 2010

Saturday, May 1 - Noon to 7pm

New Haven Green, New Haven, Connecticut

Working People, Unite!

Politics is too important to be left to the politicians!

For the past 23 years, the May Day Celebration Committee has honored International Workers' Day by organizing an annual event on the New Haven Green. 2010 is the 24th year of May Day on the Green. On May 1, 2010, the New Haven Green once again will come alive with speakers, artistic and musical events, and food.

May Day has roots that are deep in the history of the United States. In 1886, workers went on strike for the right to an 8-hour workday. In Chicago on May 3, at the McCormick plant, the police killed six strikers. The next day at Haymarket Square, people protested this police brutality. When the rally was over and most people had left, a bomb was thrown and shots were fired killing eight policemen and civilians. All the leaders of the strike for the 8-hour day were arrested and the court found them guilty. Four were hung, one "committed suicide" in prison, and the remaining three were pardoned in 1893. Since then, May 1 has become observed as an "Acto Civico": an event that is both a celebration and a commemoration that renews workers' commitment to the struggle for justice. In most countries, International Workers' Day is celebrated as the official Labor Day. In New Haven, in these days of economic devastation, U.S. wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, covert wars, and assaults upon hard won political rights, we raise the old banner and say "Working people of all countries, unite!"

In 2010 we stand together for:

- 🌐 **An end to bailouts for the corporate speculators who caused the current economic crisis. The world economy is not a piggy bank for them!**
- 🌐 **An end to U.S. wars--bring the troops, the drones, the mercenaries and the military contractors--home!**
- 🌐 **No attacks on hard-won political rights in the name of the phony war on terrorism.**
- 🌐 **Workers right to organize and for a safe workspace.**
- 🌐 **Aid not arms: stop the military occupation of Haiti. Cancel the Haitian debt; help the Haitian people rebuild.**

Festivities include music, dance, arts and crafts, political speakers, open microphone, poetry, juggling, activities for children, free food, and Maypole dance

CONTACT INFORMATION

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REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name of Organization:

Address:

Contact Person, Phone, and e-mail:

Suggested Donation: (circle one) \$25 \$50 other

AD BOOK: ___ \$30 for business-card size ___ \$60 for half-page (5.1 wide, 3.8" high)
___ \$120 for full-page (5.1 wide, 7.7" high) ___ \$200 for full-page back and inside cover

ACTIVITIES:

___ My group will set-up an information table, interactive exhibit, and/or display.

VOLUNTEERS: There are lots of opportunities to help make the whole day a success-

___ My organization will delegate a representative to work with the Committee to build May Day 2010.

___ I want to work with the May Day Celebration Committee to build May Day 2010.

___ I am unable to volunteer, but wish to make a monetary contribution of \$_____

___ I will work May Day to ___ help set-up ___ help tear down.

Before May 1st _____ or on May 1st? _____ (If so, our volunteer coordinator will contact you).

Please make checks and/or return form to:

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