

## Mission

The **Art of Peace Charitable Trust (AOPCT)** is a non-profit organization with the vision of significantly reducing the human costs of violence, in our communities, country, and in our world. It promotes the evolution of the global culture of peace by assisting in the removal of street weapons and war artillery and transforming these weapons of destruction into epic works of art as monuments for peace. These peace monuments will be installed in sites with special significance, as zones of peace in conflict transformation, in active partnership with citizens, spiritual/religious and secular leaders, and their governments.

## About the Trust

Art of Peace Charitable Trust (AOPCT) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization recognized by the United Nations as an international program supporting innovative global initiatives for peace. AOPCT uses community-building and artistic expression through the transformation of street weapons, and other weapons of violence and destruction, into epic monuments of peace.

Founded in 1992 as the Peace Angels Project (evolving from the work of acclaimed artist, Lin Evola-Smidt), it initially focused on art as a tool for peace, working with schools and organizations at both a local and global level. The Project promoted world peace through the partnership of art, media, and economic and cultural development. Since Lin Evola-Smidt's original vision, in 2008 the Project evolved into an international forum through the establishment of the Art of Peace Charitable Trust, which dedicates its efforts to achieve lasting peace through innovative and durable approaches to weapons reduction.

AOPCT collects war artillery (be they small arms, light weapons, and/or weapons of mass destruction) through proper law enforcement and government agencies, and melts them down to cast epic Peace Angel Monuments from the molten metal mixture using a unique propriety process. Through this process, AOPCT facilitates the destruction of the weapons, permanently transforming them into magnificent icons of peace.

Each of the Peace Angel Monuments, to be strategically installed at various locations in conflict transition, stand as inspirational symbols and as a universal testament to man's enduring quest for peace, and its ability to overcome irreconcilable differences. Thirteen international sites will be chosen to install Peace Angel Monuments, standing thirty feet in height, created out of a mixture of weapons collected from diverse groups, within each geographical region, who have resolved to live together in peace.

In order to sustain the culture of peace in these communities, AOPCT is also establishing alternatives to cultures of violence through job creation and conflict transformation education, by implementing and selectively supporting other conflict resolution, peace building and economic revitalization programs, proven to empower people to become innovative agents for peace, within their own lives, families and communities.

## About the Founder

In his remarks at the United Nations inaugural dinner for Art of Peace Charitable Trust, on September 11, 2008, in tribute to the founder and artist, Lin Evola-Smidt, the keynote speaker, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs for the United Nations, Ambassador Sergio Duarte, reaffirmed his support of the mission of the Art of Peace Charitable Trust —

*“... durable peace, disarmament and harmony among the peoples of the world...”*

— and praised the gifted artist Lin Evola-Smidt,

*“... whose vision is to transform the weapons of conflict and violence into ‘Peace Angels’ made of melted weapons.”*



California Peace Angel Monument  
Artist Rendering – Front View

He stated:

*“Art clearly has much to contribute in helping us to view our world in a different light and thereby, to improve our hopes for changing it for the better. The more people contemplate such works of art, the more they will think about the underlying themes of disarmament, peace and unity of the human condition that they represent. That art can influence human thoughts and behavior, and change — not simply reflect the world around us.”*

*“Much of Lin’s work has focused on the themes of human compassion, the spiritual unity of the world, the need to honor the memory of the victims of terror, and the compelling need for new progress in disarmament.”*

*“The work ahead in achieving the themes of peace and disarmament embodied in the ‘Peace Angel’ statues must continue worldwide.”*

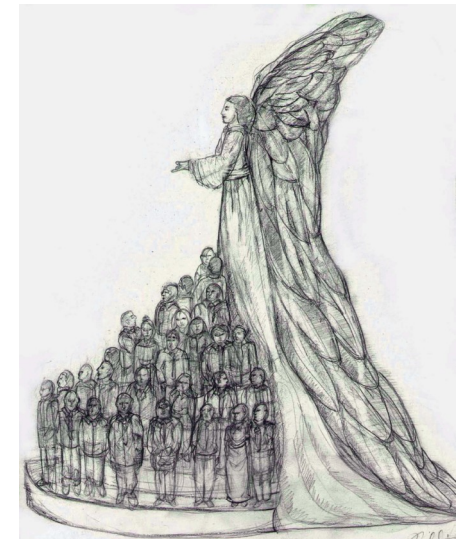
*“Let us dare to imagine a world free of conflict and violence. And let us seize the opportunity for peace to take hold, day by day, year by year, until every day is a day of peace.”*

*“The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and errors, its successes and setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned.”*

**You  
Can Become  
A  
Peace Angel  
Today**

**How?**

**By Making a Tax Deductible  
Contribution**



New York Peace Angel Monument  
Artist Rendering – Side View

**We welcome all levels of donation, whether a one-time gift, a monthly donation or an annual contribution**

- :: Send a one-time contribution**
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at Home and Abroad  
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**ANGELS OUT OF GUNS**

**TRUCKLOADS OF WEAPONS**



**ARE MELTED AT THE FOUNDRY**



**AND BECOME PEACE ANGELS**



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