

February 28, 2024

Dear friends,

The United May Day Committee brings together volunteer community members representing diverse sectors with the purpose of organizing a cultural event to celebrate International Workers Day. We keep alive the tradition of May Day by organizing an event to complement the annual marches around the world.

We bring together labour, political, and international speakers with a rich array of talented performers from a variety of cultural backgrounds. Through speeches and poetry, music and videos we plan to bring you a celebratory, militant and informative program befitting this important day.

The themes this year that we plan to cover are wide-ranging—like the ongoing economic crisis of capitalism, rampant inflation on prices, rent, food and fuel. We will highlight struggles of the working class and unions from Canada and around the world fighting for decent wages and better labour rights. With the ongoing genocide in Palestine, and the conflicts in Sudan and the Congo, the importance of those fighting militarism, war, and imperialism is clearer than ever. The fight for women's and racial equality and solidarity with Indigenous Peoples will continue to be part of our focus.

This year, as in the past, we are asking you to endorse the United May Day Committee's event and to publicize it amongst your members. It will take place on Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30pm. We will return once again to the United Steelworkers Hall at 25 Cecil St. in Toronto.

As you have done in previous years, we ask you to consider a financial contribution to help the UMDC organize the event and also, in turn, make donations to worthy political causes fighting for a just and peaceful world. **Our goal is to raise \$5,000.** 

Please email your endorsement to <u>unitedmaydaycommittee@gmail.com</u>. Please mail your donation to UMDC at 18 Royal Gala Cres. Richmond Hill. On L4S 1Y8

In solidarity,

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