

## Request for Words of Welcome in person or in writing at Landmark Events for Assange.

"Thank you so much for the important work you're doing, not just on behalf of Julian Assange, but also on behalf of transparency, accountability, and openness in government. This is exactly what the Founding Fathers would have wanted from us. You would make them proud." ~ **John Kiriakou** - American Author, Journalist, Former Intelligence Officer and CIA Whistleblower.



Caption: Former United States Congressman and current Campaign Manager for Presidential hopeful RFK Jr. **Dennis Kucinich** congratulating Rick DellaRatta and Jazz for Peace™ on their 250th Benefit Concert in New York City.

**NEW YouTube Short commemorates [111th performance of "FREE J.A."](#)**

See previous letters of support at bottom of this page and also [HERE](#):

**Special Milestone: The "Tuesdays Thanks Podcast" appearance on August 1, 2023 represents the 100th performance** of Rick DellaRatta's improvised piece "FREE J.A." as JAZZforPEACE continues to bring attention to our most important rights including Freedom of Speech, journalistic integrity, and the protection of innocent civilians to not be bombed during war or international conflicts. [Click HERE](#) to listen NOW! & See additional details [HERE](#)

"I want to congratulate Rick and Jazz for Peace on everything they have accomplished to this point, and all the good they are sure to bring about as they continue this concert series." ~ **Barack Obama** - see complete letter here - <http://jazzforpeace.org/obamaletter>

"Your message of peace and unity serves as a welcome and timely reminder to the world that ultimately we are brothers and sisters and we all share a common destiny." ~ **Hon. Raila P. Odinga** - Prime Minister - Republic of Kenya, Africa. - see complete letter here - <http://jazzforpeace.org/primemo>

"It was quite impressive ...hearing of the great work done by Rick DellaRatta and Jazz for PEACE... please keep up these efforts to help release Julian Assange." ~ **Constantine Pakavakis & Melbourne PEN** - Melbourne, Australia



August 17, 2023

From: Rick DellaRatta/Jazz for Peace  
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To the “greatest of the greatest” who TRULY DO stand for Freedom of Speech, Journalistic Integrity, and the Rights of innocent civilians during war related atrocities.

Jazz for Peace™ hereby requests your Words of Welcome either in person or in writing to our audiences of our upcoming Jazz for Peace Benefit Concerts and/or other similarly related performances that are celebrating the Landmark 100th performance (and counting!) of “[FREE J.A.](#)”

Dear Jazz for Peace™ Foundation recognized PERSONAL HERO of Founder Rick DellaRatta,

Knowing your lifelong dedication to human rights, dignity and justice; your appreciation of personal achievement in the arts, culture and philanthropy; your warm spirit of humanity; and your personal commitment to justice for the release of Julian Assange, we would be honored if you would say a few words in person or send your greetings for us to read to the audience at the beginning of our festivities as we celebrate and continue onward with the 100th performance of the Rick DellaRatta & Jazz for Peace™ Free Jazz composition titled FREE J.A. which you can listen to along with [ALL of the previous performances HERE](#) and an additional version recorded Live in Concert in Abuja, Nigeria at the link above.

Please send your words to us (please see additional examples below) either by email at [info@jazzforpeace.org](mailto:info@jazzforpeace.org) or by regular mail at:

Rick DellaRatta & Jazz for Peace  
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Thank you again for the great work you do to serve your communities, your states, your country, and the world.

Best regards,

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**"steadfast and creative...Jazz For Peace unites the world of the arts with the arenas for justice." ~ Ralph Nader** See previous letters of support from President [Barack Obama](#), Congressman [Alcee Hastings](#), Vt. Governor [Peter Shumlin](#), NYC Mayor [Michael Bloomberg](#), Senator [John McCain](#), Labor Sec. [Marcos Cintra](#) (Brazil), and many many MORE here: <https://jazzforpeace.wordpress.com/about>

\*\*\*\* Jazz For Peace™ reaches out to individuals and organizations on both sides of conflicting issues, believing that if we as a species embrace qualities such as creativity, artistry, intellectuality, humanity, individuality, etc. we will all have a better chance at avoiding the behavior that leads to destruction.\*\*\*\*