

# INTERDEPENDENCE DAY

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### LOS ANGELES

**Saturday, September 8, 2012**

**Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools**

**Sunday, September 9, 2012**

**Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)**

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**INTERDEPENDENCE DAY X – SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

**Dr. Benjamin R. Barber: Founder, Interdependence Day**

This year, on the tenth anniversary of our first Interdependence Day in Philadelphia, we are celebrating a weekend of Interdependence events in Los Angeles (as well as in Sydney, Australia). In this election year, we are doing what the candidates day they want to do: looking forward. Looking not just at how the brute realities of an interdependent world -- terrorism, climate change, disease, crime, anarchic markets in labor and capital -- impact and stymie old-fashioned sovereign nation-states; but also at how new transnational and cross border civic and cultural and political institutions can help us meet the challenges.

We have heard candidates for the highest office in the land say that America is first, that Americans can do it alone and do it alone, and we have heard the crowds respond with USA! USA! Yet it is neither a liberal nor conservative but simply a realist view to reply that in a world of weapons without borders, warming without borders, and terrorism without borders, we must seek to develop citizens without borders, democracy without borders, and justice without borders.

Cities need not wait for states to forge cooperative links--they are already working across borders. The web is not just a social and commercial tool but a potent civic and democratic tool. Interdependence is not just a way of organizing but a way of thinking -- seeing the connections, exploiting the links, promoting the relationships across borders, professions, peoples, and generations. We can mock global warming and the rising of the oceans, but only if we mock the grandchildren in whose name we address today's challenges. We can build the most powerful military on earth, and still be defenseless against a single interdependent terrorist living in our midst and dedicated to our destruction.

We can no longer deploy 19th century nation state solutions to 21st century global problems. That's why following the horror of 9/11 in 2001, a small group met in Philadelphia to signal the passage from independence as liberty's traditional guarantor, to interdependence as liberty's new guarantor. Since then, in Rome, Paris, Casablanca, Mexico City, Brussels, Istanbul, Berlin, and last year New York, we have convened in a global city with religious, cultural and civic leaders -- global celebrities and young interdependent pioneers alike. And we have sought solutions to climate change, war, crime, inequality and poverty that go beyond a war on terrorism or singular sovereign acts by solitary nations still hoping to claim the 21st century as their own.

After ten years of annual forums, we are now building a year-round interdependence movement to transform how we think and act -- not in one city at a time, but across many cities and countries. Along with New York last year, we convened events in dozens of cities and places from the House of Lords in the UK to Belgium, Australia, Canada, Nepal and Germany. At our interactive website [InterdependenceMovement.org](http://InterdependenceMovement.org) it is possible to join with other young people in civic actions; to read and sign our Declaration of Interdependence; to pledge support for interdependence; to share stories; and to plan common cross-border actions. Near the beginning of his term, President Obama said "given our interdependence, any world order that elevates one nation or group of people over another will inevitably fail. Our problems must be dealt with through partnership, our progress must be shared." Yet the President has been punished for his cosmopolitanism and America today is as parochial and insular in its thinking as ever before and there are populist and reactionary political movements here and around the world dedicated to keeping it that way.

On this tenth Interdependence Day, September 12, 2012, in this great and diverse city of Los Angeles, we proclaim it as the aim of the Interdependence Movement as a network of "citizens without borders" to challenge this parochialism and promote cooperation across frontiers; to enlarge our thinking to embrace what connects us, and build on those connections to fix our global problems and heal our fractured world."



Benjamin R. Barber  
Founder, Interdependence Day

## Saturday, September 8, 2012

COCOANUT GROVE THEATER, THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
701 SOUTH CATALINA STREET | LOS ANGELES, CA 90005

“CULTURE, JUSTICE AND THE ARTS IN THE AGE OF INTERDEPENDENCE”

<p><b>1:00 – 1:15 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARRIVAL &amp; WELCOME</b></p> <p><b>Aileen Adams</b> (Deputy Mayor of Los Angeles)</p> <p><b>Benjamin R. Barber</b> (Founder, The Interdependence Movement)</p> <p><b>Liz Levitt Hirsch</b> (Board President, Levitt Pavilions)</p> <p><b>Paul Schrade</b> (Founder, RFK Community Schools)</p> <p><i>with a performance by UCLA Community Schools Korean drummers</i></p>
<p><b>1:15 – 1:30 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OPENING REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Benjamin Barber</b></p>
<p><b>1:30 – 1:45 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FILM PREMIERE</b></p> <p>World premiere of “Engage” from the Let it Ripple short film series, introduced by director <b>Tiffany Shlain</b></p>
<p><b>1:45 – 3:00 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUNDTABLE ONE</b></p> <p><i>“Cultural Perspectives of Interdependence and the Arts”</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Nick Cull</b> (Center on Public Diplomacy Fellow, USC Annenberg School)</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks: Jakob Köllhofer</b> (Director, German-American Institute)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mary Lou Aleskie</b> (Founder and President of the Capital Institute)</li> <li>• <b>James Early</b> (Director, Cultural Studies and Communication, Smithsonian Institution)</li> <li>• <b>Hari Pathik</b> (President, Interdependence Committee Nepal)</li> <li>• <b>Daphné Romy</b> (Founder, Académie Sans Frontières)</li> <li>• <b>Eileen Woods</b> (Senior Partner and Artistic Director, Haring Woods Studio)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3:00 -3:10 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SHORT FILM</b></p> <p>“Entre Mente,” presented by <b>Tonia Barber</b> and <b>Sarah Elgart</b> of Dance Camera West</p>

<p><b>3:10 – 3:30 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>3:30 – 3:45 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KEYNOTE</b></p> <p><b>Tom Hayden</b> (Director, Peace and Justice Resource Center)</p>
<p><b>3:45 – 5:00 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUNDTABLE TWO</b></p> <p><i>“Interdependence, Culture and Social Justice”</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Yolanda Moses</b> (Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Excellence and Equity, UC-Riverside)</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks: Connie Rice</b> (Co-Director, Advancement Project)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tom Hayden</b></li> <li>• <b>Betsy McKinney</b> (Co-chair, “Re-igniting Women,” Women Donors Network)</li> <li>• <b>Felix Ruano</b> (Student, Robert F. Kennedy Community Schools)</li> <li>• <b>Paul Schrade</b></li> <li>• <b>Rev. Osagyefo Uhuru Sekou</b> (Editor-in-Chief, <i>Spare Change News</i>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>5:00 – 5:10 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BREAK</b></p>
<p><b>5:10 – 5:15 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REMARKS</b></p> <p><b>Sara Miller McCune</b> (Publisher, Founder, Chairman, SAGE Publications)</p>
<p><b>5:15 – 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROUNDTABLE THREE</b></p> <p><i>“Interdependence at the Movies and on the Stage”</i></p> <p><b>Chair: Travis Preston</b> (Dean, CalArts School of Theater)</p> <p><b>Opening Remarks: Jonathan Taplin</b> (Director, Annenberg Innovation Lab, USC)</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leah Barber</b> (Steering Committee, Interdependence Movement)</li> <li>• <b>Kathleen Kim</b> (Professor of Law, Loyola Law School LA)</li> <li>• <b>Alejandro Pelayo-Rangel</b> (Consul, Cultural Affairs, Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles)</li> <li>• <b>Tiffany Shlain</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>6:30 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLOSING</b></p> <p><i>with a musical performance by young musicians from HOLA</i></p>
<p><b>7:00 – 9:00 pm</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DINNER</b></p> <p>Dinner in honor of <b>Luis Ernesto Derbez</b>, sponsored by the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles. <i>By invitation</i></p>

**Sunday, September 9, 2012**  
**HEART OF LOS ANGELES (HOLA)**  
**2701 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD | LOS ANGELES, CA 90057**

<b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>LUNCHEON, PERFORMANCES, FILM SCREENINGS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luncheon, Welcome by <b>Tony Brown</b> (Executive Director, HOLA)</li> <li>Youth concert</li> <li>Film screenings (“Gravity of Center” from Dance Camera West, short film of Yo-Yo Ma in performance and in conversation with Benjamin Barber, “The Sky is Pink” by Josh Fox, and “A Declaration of Interdependence” by Tiffany Shlain)</li> </ul>
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**LEVITT PAVILION – MACARTHUR PARK**  
**2230 WEST 6TH STREET | LOS ANGELES, CA 90057**

<b>4:30 – 8:30 pm</b>	<b>CONCERT</b> <i>“Interdependence Day Festival at the Levitt Pavilion”</i> Opening Remarks by <b>Renee Bodie, Liz Levitt Hirsch, Benjamin Barber</b> Featuring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Pam Rose &amp; John Jorgenson</b></li> <li><b>Mike De la Rocha</b> (with special guest <b>Jasiri X</b>)</li> <li>Remarks by <b>Rev. Sekou</b></li> <li><b>Bella Porter Band</b></li> <li><b>Nadirah X with Swisha</b></li> <li>Remarks by <b>Hon. Luis Derbez</b> (former Foreign Minister and Economic Minister of Mexico)</li> <li><b>Breakestra</b></li> <li>Remarks by <b>Tavis Smiley</b> (broadcaster and author)</li> <li><b>Ritmo Machine</b></li> </ul>
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**GOLD ROOM, PARK PLAZA HOTEL**  
**607 SOUTH PARK VIEW STREET | LOS ANGELES, CA 90057**

<b>9:00 – 11:00 pm</b>	<b>DINNER</b> Dinner sponsored by the Pacifica Institute Remarks by <b>Tezcan Inanlar</b> , (CEO, Pacifica Institute) and <b>Jacqueline Z. Davis</b> (Chair, Interdependence Movement Executive Committee)  <i>By invitation</i>
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**Monday, September 10, 2012**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CHAMBER, LOS ANGELES CITY HALL**  
**200 NORTH SPRING STREET | LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

<b>12:30 – 12:42 pm</b>	<b>WELCOME</b> <b>Aileen Adams &amp; Benjamin Barber</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading of a letter from Focolare Movement President Maria Voce</li> </ul>
<b>12:42 - 12:45 pm</b>	<b>BENEDICTION</b> Interfaith blessing by <b>Rev. Sekou</b>
<b>12:45 – 1:10 pm</b>	<b>KEYNOTE</b> <b>Hon. Luis Derbez</b>
<b>1:10 – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>INTERDEPENDENCE PRIZE</b> Conferring of the Interdependence Prize by <b>Benjamin Barber, Jacqueline Z. Davis</b> (the 2011 Prize winner), and sculptor <b>Sebastián</b> .  Screening of <b>Tiffany Shlain’s</b> short film “A Declaration of Interdependence”
<b>1:30 – 2:15 pm</b>	<b>INTERDEPENDENCE ROUNDTABLE</b> <b>Chair: Benjamin Barber</b> <b>Panelists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Aileen Adams</b></li> <li><b>Jacqueline Z. Davis</b></li> <li><b>Luis Derbez</b></li> <li><b>James Early</b></li> <li><b>Tom Hayden</b></li> <li><b>Yolanda Moses</b></li> <li><b>Paul Schrade</b></li> <li><b>Youth Movement representative/RFK Schools student</b></li> </ul>
<b>2:15 -2:30 pm</b>	<b>PROCLAMATION</b> <b>Councilmember Tom LaBonge</b> presents the Los Angeles City Council’s official proclamation of Interdependence Day
<b>2:30 – 3:00 pm</b>	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <b>Hon. Antonio Villaraigosa</b> (Mayor of Los Angeles) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signing of the Declaration of Interdependence</li> <li>Music: “Declaration of Interdependence” (John Duffy, music; Benjamin Barber, lyrics)</li> </ul>

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