# Isabella STASI CASTRIOTA SCANDERBEG



# Founder of Culture4Peace

Edu4Peace / Musica4Peace / Lit4Peace / Theatre4Peace / Docs4Peace

**2024:** offering strategy and expertise to private organizations and public institutions, generating actions towards the **17 Sustainable Development Goals**, accelerating **Peace and Conflict Resolution** through **Education and Culture**, offering Courses in 4Cs: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication in seven languages, creating **Hospitality** for youth, artists and pilgrims in an old masseria in Salento - Lecce - Italy - producing **Special Events for Peace** 

Specialist in Communication for Peace

#### THE UNITED NATIONS' PEACEBUILDING FUND - C H A D

**2022** – **2023**: Monitoring, evaluating and communicating about 19 Peacebuilding Programmes in the country's 23 regions with a portfolio of 49 mi US \$, liaising with the Chadian Transitional Government, the Ministry of National Reconciliation, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Youth, 15 UNITED NATIONS partner agencies (mainly

UNDP, WFP, FAO, UNESCO, UNFPA) and donor countries about the on-going projects. Isabella advised about oversight and elaboration of new Peacebuilding programmes with the UN HQ in New York, advanced advocacy for the UNITED NATIONS' Peacebuilding Fund of the Secretary General with political, economic and social stakeholders.

### EU Expert in Culture for Peace THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**2016 - 2020:** Research Executive Agency – Horizon 2020 Framework - Developing novel solutions for Peace in Europe - selecting and financing projects in Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, Culture, Education with a portfolio of 10 mi euros.

### 2008-2017: Advisor in Peacebuilding and Public Information

### THE UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING MISSION IN CHAD AND DARFUR

## MINISTERE POUR LA PROMOTION DE LA FEMME, DE L'ENFANT ET DE LA FAMILLE DU MALI

# MINISTERE DE LA CULTURE DU MALI



#### 2000 – 2017: Multimedia Communication Campaigns Producer

Heritage for Peace in Syria

**2016 – 2017:** Using Heritage as a Tool to Protect Heritage, promote Dialogue and build Peace in Syria – <u>www.heritageforpeace.org</u>

The Age of Culture by Paul D. Schafer - UNESCO Canada working towards a new Age of Culture and Peace UNESCO West Africa – 2023 Annual Report in English, French and Portuguese UNV Vietnam - Creative Writing Workshop

Producer - Culture4Peace

 2016 – 2020: Comm4Peace - Reports and Docs about Political and Cultural Affairs Musica4Peace - *The Hiroshima Concert for Peace* in Cadaqués, Spain
Danza4Peace - DVDs about Ballet for Peace - *Hommage to Stravinski's Sacre duPrintemps* <u>https://vimeo.com/user29144039</u>
Culture4Peace - Lit4Peace - *Hommage to Amadou Hampâté Bâ - Mali's Storyteller for Peace* with EDIZIONI LAVORO, in three Italian Cities, with the presence of Hampâté Bâ's son and an original audiovisual presentation
Archeo4Peace - Special Events about Archeology and Healthy Food at Salento's neolithic time
Sport4Peace - for underprivileged Children in the villages of Salento, Lecce, Italy

Theatre4Peace – Theatre Courses for children - Saint-Exupery's Piccolo Principe e Piccola Principessa per la Pace in Parabita, Lecce, Italy



#### Multilingual Lecturer and Visiting Professor

New York University - Institute of Global Affairs - Racism and Populism in Europe MIT - BuildPeace - Technology against Sexual Violence in Conflict University of Barcelona - Faculty of Law - Inequality Growth in China University of Barcelona - Faculty of Philology - Women Writers for Peace American University of Rome - What is Communication for Peace? IAC - CAFRAD – Maroc - Comment la Culture de la Paix peut accélérer les 17 ODD? LEVEL – U.K. - War and Peace in the Fine Arts of the XXth Century

November 2023: University of Salento - Faculty of Political Science and DAMS – Discipline delle Arti, della Musica e dello Spettacolo *Cultural Diplomacy, Communication and the Arts* 

International Conferences about Building Peace

Carta de la Paz a la ONU - University of Barcelona What is Culture for Peace? What is the UN Global Compact? Fundación Euro-Árabe - Granada - with Federico Mayor Zaragoza, SG of UNESCO La paz imperfecta Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Religions for Peace - ISPI <u>https://www.radioradicale.it/soggetti/166260/isabella-stasi-castriota-scanderberg</u> *Flying over Darfur: My UN Mission* <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MF6IEAY-iGE&t=24s</u>





October 2023 - Accademia Germogli d'Arte for Young Opera Singers – Copertino – Italy Vocal Coach - Specialist in *German Lieder* and *How to Master Pronunciation in 5 languages* 

Screenwriter - Playwright

A Late Victorian Love Affair Winner of EAVE European Audiovisual Entrepreneurs' Prize https://eave.org/network/list/all/category/national-co-ordinator/P2200

Zattera Bianca - White Raft Winner of Enrico Maria Salerno European Playwright's Prize

TV Presenter - Producer 1983 – 2000: Correspondent for Italian and British Public Television

RAI-RADIOTELEVISIONE ITALIANA - Channel 4 - the BBC

in the U.S.A., the U.K., in Eastern and Western Europe covering Political, Social and Cultural Affairs

Audio-visual reports, live interviews, documentaries and reports about Political, Social and Cultural Affairs towards Culture4Peace

also from

Broadway, the West End, Concerts and Operas live from the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, Covent Garden, Opéra Garnier, Grand Théâtre de Provence, Opernhaus Zürich, Teatro del Liceu, Teatro alla Scala, Teatro La Fenice

#### Education

Master in Peacebuilding, Culture for Peace and Social Inclusion Universitat de Barcelona Dissertation: *"10 Lessons for Peace - based on Northern Ireland's Peace Agreement"* 

**2023:** Certificate in Disaster Risk Protection and Disaster Management of Cultural Heritage

**PROCULTHER** – Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, the Union of European Civil Protection and UNESCO

Fulbright Fellow - Master of Philosophy Degree in Film and Theatre Studies Columbia University in the City of New York - Dissertation: *"Shakespeare and Film"* 

Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Fellowship - Zertifikat in Comparative Literature Universität Zürich

Laurea Degree 110/110 summa cum laude in Languages and Literatures University of Rome - Dissertation: *"Folktales of England"* 

> Diploma de Postgrado – Institut del Teatre de Barcelona Production and Management of the Performing Arts

Certificate - Professional Training Course for UNITED NATIONS Peace Officers Istituto Superiore di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna - Pisa

Certificate - Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Institut International des Droits de l'Homme Fondation René Cassin - Strasbourg The Rights of the Child, the Rights of Refugees, the Right to Culture

Certificate - Japanese Language and Literature - Japan Foundation - Rome Certificate - Chinese Language and Literature - Universitat Pompeu Fabre – Barcelona

2023: Certificate - Biosphere Protection and Ocean Literacy – UNESCO

#### **Main Publications**

What is Culture for Peace? What is Communication for Peace? 10 Lessons for Peace



TV Reports in the U.S.A. about Social and Cultural Affairs TV Reports about Political and Social Affairs in Eastern and Western Europe TV Reports about Peacebuilding in South Africa, Mali, Chad TV Reports about Peacebuilding in Albania and Kosovo (please see main reports on YouTube - Comm4Peace Channel)

> Inequality Growth in China – HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA Forgotten Champion of Beijing's Democracy Wall <u>https://www.hrichina.org/en</u>



Women Writers as Ambassadors for Peace Women Writers of the World Letras: Armas de mujeres Rome, Zürich, New York, Paris, London Barcelona Hong Kong, Bamako, N´Djaména, Aradeo

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