

DON'T BE FOOLED BY RIGHT-WING FRONT GROUP "CREATIVE COMMUNITY FOR PEACE"

Creative
Community
For Peace?

Support is growing for the Palestinian civil society call for a boycott to pressure Israel to respect Palestinian human rights.

Artists such as Lana Del Rey, Lorde, Tunde Adebimpe, Peter Gabriel, Lauryn Hill, Talib Kweli, and Mark Ruffalo are taking courageous public stands for freedom, justice and equality. Israel's repressive, right-wing government and its allies are struggling to combat support for Palestinian rights.

As part of that response, a group called "Creative Community for Peace" (CCFP) is lobbying artists to perform in Israel. CCFP claims to be an entertainment industry organization advocating for artistic freedom and building bridges.

But **CCFP carefully hides from artists that it is actually a front group for StandWithUs** (SWU), a long-established anti-Palestinian, pro-Israeli settler lobby group with close ties to Israel's hardline government.

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Registration and tax documents show that StandWithUs and Creative Community for Peace are simply alternate names for a single IRS-registered non-profit, "Israel Emergency Alliance." CCFP staff works from StandWithUs' longstanding LA office, and SWU manages many CCFP functions. CCFP and SWU founders and board leaders, David and Esther Renzer, are married.

Examples of SWU and **CCFP's partnership with the Israeli government** include convening an organizing meeting with Israeli government officials and music industry executives, and producing a pro-settler video series with Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. SWU even announced they were awarded a grant from Israel's Prime Minister's Office.

SWU and CCFP also regularly **echo the Israeli government's racist positions**, dehumanizing all Palestinians. CCFP never speaks out against Israel's growing repression of

both Palestinian and Jewish Israeli cultural workers who are critical of the State.

CCFP is no supporter of racial and social justice. A key SWU partner is Christians United for Israel (CUFI), headed by the homophobic, racist and sexist pastor John Hagee. In a confidential, leaked 2018 report, CCFP depicted movements for social justice as a dire threat to Israel, claiming that support for intersectionality - which attempts to identify how interlocking systems of power impact those who are most marginalized - is allowing

Palestinian rights groups, to “hijack other political movements, Black Lives Matter (BLM) and feminist groups in particular.”

In their confidential report, CCFP did accurately characterize the boycott movement as “constantly growing and changing, developing new and innovative tactics to reach artists.”

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