

# DARRYL JOHN KENNEDY

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Composer-Musician

Independent Cultural Ambassador for the United States / Citizen Diplomat

Talented composer, musician and producer—and positive American role model—uses music and the arts to foster cross cultural understanding and enhance the image of the U.S. throughout the world. Background includes extensive international travel (46+ countries), can speak multiple languages and has performed hundreds of international musical concerts and recordings on 16 instruments. Proven ability to relate to emotions, historical perspectives and cultural nuances of diverse societies and ethnic groups across the globe. Diplomatic efforts include speaking on cultural diplomacy at the United Nations, organizing concerts for U.S. Embassy staff abroad and working with the U.S. State Dept. to bring international musicians to the U.S. He was a board member of the World Affairs Council, Ventura County, CA., and speaks internationally on the importance of using cultural relations as a diplomatic tool to inspire other countries to promote the Arts.

“Darryl Kennedy has been a cultural ambassador of the first order...”

... James Chrisenger, Cultural Attaché, U.S. Embassy in Prague, Czech Republic

“Thank you for bringing to our attention all that you have done around the world on behalf of our great country.”

... Dan Bartlett’s office, Special counselor to the President, The White House

“I truly recommend your efforts in using music and culture to bridge the gap between the United States and other countries of the world. It is by employing peaceful methods, as you do so well, that we will truly bring this world closer together.”

... Congresswoman Lois Capps, Dem. Oxnard, CA

“It is wonderful to meet people who are committed to using culture to build ties for the U.S. around the world. We look forward to staying in touch about future plans you have.”

... Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, US Department of State

“I see him as a true ‘Ambassador’ for the American people. He is a true ‘Homme du Monde.’”

... Prof. Nadey S. Hakim, MD, PHD, FACS, FRCS; World President of the International College of Surgeons

“The United States of America benefits by having an exceptionally talented individual who can promote goodwill through the world”

... John O. Norquist, Mayor, Milwaukee, WI

“Kennedy is the only American I know who can successfully utilize the arts for diplomatic means to improve global détente”

... Todd C. Thiel, President, McKinley Reserve

“Cultural ambassador Darryl John Kennedy has been an exceptional leader by enhancing America’s image through the Arts.”

... Michael Phillip, Chairman of the Board, World Affairs Council of Ventura County

“Darryl’s music is his unique expression of communicating himself. Darryl can promote goodwill and unity throughout the world. He represents America in its finest form.”

... U.S. Director of the International Schoenstatt Sisters Rosary Campaign, Sister Mary Lestina

SELECTED CAREER / CULTURAL-DIPLOMATIC HIGHLIGHTS

**Concerts and Events**

- CD “*Voices from the Sand*” featuring ten Egyptian singers, promoting US/Egyptian relations.
- Soloist with *Samyung University Children’s Orchestra* in Seoul, promoting U.S./Korean relations.
- Composed the underscore for the Egyptian motion pictures “*Wedding Party and On Air.*”
- CD “*Tu Vos en la Noche*” — with Mexican singer Lupita Bejar and Puerto Rican composer Julian Ortiz, promoting U.S./Hispanic relations.
- Performed at US Embassy Concert for Czech officials and U.S. Embassy staff for U.S. Cultural Affairs Attache, James Chrisenger, promoting U.S./Czech relations
- Performed improvisational concert with Japanese dancer Min Tanaka promoting U.S./Japanese relations.
- CD, “*Your Love Is All I Need,*” with gospel artists Rodney Cunningham and Benjamin Love on promoting black unity and safer African American neighborhoods.

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- Composed “*Never Say Goodbye*” video and was interviewed on Russian National TV program “VSGLAT” (Russian “60 Minutes”) in Moscow. Viewed by 80+ million promoting US/Russian relations
  - CD “*A Promise for Peace,*” with World President of the International College of Surgeons, Professor Nadey Hakim, dedicated to the children of Beirut. Promoting U.S./Lebanese relations.
  - Performed “*Jerusalem*” on Milwaukee television program “Look In” honoring slain Jewish Israeli leader Itzak Rabin, promoting U.S./Israel relations.
  - Composed “*The Paris I Knew*” A dedication to the French people and culture, promoting US./French relations.
  - Composed “*A Father’s Lullabye*” a sephardic piece dedicated to a father’s wisdom for his children.
  - Produced “*The Nimitz March*” with WWII veterans of the U.S. Navy; that is played during tours of the Nimitz Naval Museum in Texas honoring the heroic sailors in the battles in the Pacific.
  - Performed as guest soloist at the SOS music festival in Cairo, and American University of Cairo, AUC

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- Fostered U.S./Russian relations by organizing concert and performing as feature soloist with Russian group, “Combo”, for the Russian Army in Baku, Azerbaijan.
  - Worked in cooperation with the U.S. State Department to bring Russian group “*Combo*” to the United States to record CD and perform in Milwaukee City Hall for Mayor John Norquist, enhancing U.S./Russian relations.
  - CD “*Nice Changes*” with jazz musician, Michael Del Ferro. Promoting U.S./Dutch relationships
  - Performed Concert “*Cinemagic,*” tribute to film composers, promoting music in media
  - CD, “*Energy*”, with jazz pop group, Hot Line in Slovakia, promoting U.S./Czech relations

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- Worked as producer and conductor for Milwaukee Mayor, John Norquist’s official talent show, international Christmas party and official Fourth of July programs.
  - Performed with Milwaukee International Folk band at Germanfest, Polishfest, Festa Italiano and Summerfest.
  - Performed as soloist at Karlovy Jazz Festival in Czech Republic with Prague Radio Orchestra.

- CD “*Pictures on the Wall*” — dedicated to victims of 9-11 with impressionist and singer Fred Travalena.
- CD “*Tears and Rainbows, the Death of a Child*” with Father Guy Gurath. Interviews, poetry and songs.

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- Produced a total of 145 CDs with musicians and singers worldwide including, Vietnam, China, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, Russia, Czech Republic, Armenia, Nigeria, Italy, Ireland and U.S.

- Composed and produced underscores for corporate firms including: Penn Mutual Insurance, Tupperware, Este Lauder and others.

## PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Independent cultural ambassador-citizen diplomat / U.S. to 48+ countries, 1988 to present.

Professional musician / international concert and recording artist, 1976 to present.

President / Darryl Kennedy Productions, 1989 to present.

\*Musician / Composer / Producer—

Professionally plays 16 instruments: Trumpet, Fluglehorn, Valve Trombone, Flute, Clarinet, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Baritone Saxophones, Steinerphone Electric Valve Instrument (EVI), Lyricon Wind Synthesizer, Recorder, Irish Whistle, Piano, Electric Keyboard Synthesizers.

## PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC SPEAKING

Panel Speaker—*Institute for Cultural Diplomacy*, United Nations, New York.

Delivered presentation on Kennedy's successful approach to cultural diplomacy in Egypt.

Panel Speaker—*National Council of International Visitors*, NCIV National Conference, Washington DC.

Delivered presentation on Kennedy's new cultural approach to citizen diplomacy.

Keynote Speaker—*World Affairs Council*, WACA Ventura County, CA.

Delivered presentation on music's effect politically and culturally in the world.

Panel Speaker—*Public Relation Society of America*, National Conference, Salt Lake City,

Delivered presentation on music's effect in world media.

Keynote Speaker—*University of California Los Angeles*, UCLA

Delivered presentation on how students can get involved in citizen diplomacy and cultural relations.

Keynote Speaker—*National Federation of Republican Women*, Westlake, CA.

Delivered presentation on international body language and world communication differences.

## INTERNATIONAL INTERVIEWS

VSGLAT—TV audience of 80 million, Radio Moscow, Radio Prague, Radio Jakarta, Cairo TV and Radio.

Featured and interviewed in numerous world publications, Intern. Herald Tribune etc. (available upon request)

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

France, Italy, United Kingdom, Russia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Azerbaijan, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Ireland, Netherlands, Albania, Poland, Latvia, Estonia, Mexico, UAE, Qatar, Egypt, Israel, Greece, Turkey, Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, Columbia, Ecuador, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Canada, Japan, South Korea, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Austria, Yugoslavia, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Singapore, Curacao, Bahamas, Bali.

EXPEDITIONS: Amazon Rain Forest, Galapagos Islands, Disetzusan Mountain in Japan, Archaeological Digs in California. Total Solar Eclipse in Goldendale, Washington.

LANGUAGES: Native English, student of French, German, Spanish, Russian and others.

EDUCATION: Two years of studies in International Relations, Geography and Music at: Cypress Community College / Long Beach City College / Golden West Community College (all in CA)

## HOBBIES & INTERESTS

World History, Politics, Chess, Travel Expeditions