

# Guide to the **Postcards for Peace Collection**

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### COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

On June 10, 2008 the *Ithaca Journal* described the Postcards for Peace initiative as a “chance to write a postcard to 2028.” It was a collaboration between The History Center and the Ithaca Festival, with the message being: “Postcards for Peace encourages people of all ages to write or draw on an oversized postcard what peace means to them today. Postcards will be displayed during the Ithaca Festival weekend and will be archived and unveiled 20 years from now, in 2028, at The History Center.” The collection of postcards represents the efforts of a diverse group of people, many of them local students. It coincided with a project by an Ithaca High School student to organize Festival-goers into making the world’s largest human peace sign. On June 23, 5814 people collaborated at Stewart Park and broke a world record.

### CONTAINER LIST

<i>Description</i>	<i>Folders</i>
Box 1	
Young Belle Sherman Students	1
Cayuga Heights Elementary School Kindergarten	2
Eighth Grade Class	3
Cayuga Heights Elementary School Grade 1	4
Lehman Alternative Community School	5
Ithaca High School Grade 10	6
DeWitt Middle School	7
Boynton Middle School	8
St. Paul’s United Methodist Church	9
South Hill School Grade 2	10
Belle Sherman Annex Kindergarten	11
“Ithaca, NY” return address labels	12
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Box 2

<i>Description</i>	<i>Folders</i>
Names on return address labels	13
Names on return address labels (cont'd)	14
Variety of grades and schools	15
Non-conventional return address labels	16
Anonymous cards	17
No name on return address label	18
Non-Ithaca residents	19