

# Portland Peaceful Response Coalition

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Event: Friday rally and march mark anniversary of John Lennon's death Date: Friday, December 12, 2008 Time: 5:00 PM Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill & Broadway, downtown Portland	Contacts: Portland Peaceful Response Coalition (503) 344-5078 pprc@riseup.net www.pprc-news.org
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"Along with the many other great artists, from Pablo Picasso to Pete Seeger, whose works have confronted the horrors of war, John Lennon provided a great power to social movements working for peace, his songs and life calling to us, and inspiring us, to rededicate ourselves to the struggle for peace, and encouraging hope in the darkest hours," said William Seaman, a volunteer with PPRC. "His songs urged us to dream of a world without war and without fear and without property and, equally important, his songs called on us to care enough to be peacefully militant in our work and our struggle to bring this imagined world to reality." John Lennon died on December 8th, 1980, twenty-eight years ago this week, killed by a mentally ill young man armed with a .38-caliber handgun.

"As we head into the holiday season, and begin a new year with a new administration coming into the White House and a new Congress, we have reason to be hopeful that our country will turn to a path towards peace with justice," said Seaman, "but we know we also have good reason to temper that hope with realism; we know that if we are to see an end to the US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in the coming year, it will only happen if we work to make it happen."

## **WAR IS OVER**

IF YOU WANT IT

The Friday rallies for peace and justice have been taking place at Pioneer Courthouse Square since late-October of 2001. For more information, please call 503-344-5078 or visit the PPRC website at [www.pprc-news.org](http://www.pprc-news.org)

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