

***“The war is over.
The country has made her
marvelous rebirth.
Millions of people have
nevertheless been subject to
deadly incurable diseases
due to dioxin exposure.”***

VAVA Open letter to the American people



Vietnamese artist unknown

Tickets:

\$45.00 for two films

\$30.00 for one film

20% discount for students

To purchase tickets, visit

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Or return the attached order form to:
Fund for Reconciliation & Development
355 West 39th Street, NY, NY 10018
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Volunteers welcome.
Contact Event Coordinator:
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***Please join the
Fund for Reconciliation &
Development and
The ImaginAsian Theater for
a Film Event to Benefit the
Vietnam Association for Victims
of Agent Orange/Dioxin (VAVA)***



Painting by Nguyen Cong Quang

**Tuesday, November 9, 2004
6:00-9:45 P.M.**

**The ImaginAsian Theater
239 East 59th Street
(between 2nd & 3rd Ave)
New York, NY**

Fund for Reconciliation and Development
355 West 39th Street
New York, NY 10025

➤ **Check:** made payable to the Fund for Reconciliation and Development (with “for VAVA” in the memo line)

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➤ **Cash** at the door (However due to limited seating your seat may not be confirmed)

Receipt of payment will be confirmed and tickets held at the door.

____ I will be attending the whole evening enclosed is a contribution of \$45 (\$25 is tax-deductible)

____ I am only able to attend from 6:00 – 7:45 PM enclosed is a contribution for \$30 (\$20 is tax-deductible)

____ I am only able to attend from 8:00 - 9:45 PM enclosed is a contribution for \$30 (\$20 is tax-deductible)

____ I am unable to attend but enclosed is a contribution to VAVA for \$_____ (100% tax deductible)

____ Please contact me about arranging an Agent Orange fundraiser/awareness program in my city

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax: _____

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Donations for the film event are in part tax deductible and will support the work of the VAVA, a Vietnamese not-for-profit, non-governmental organization based in Hanoi, Vietnam. **None of the proceeds from this event will be applied towards attorneys' fees or costs.**

Event Schedule:

6:00-7:00 PM

NY premiere of **“Battles’ Poison Cloud”** by Cecile Trijssenaar (England) A documentary film that examines the long-term health and environmental damage of the use of Agent Orange in Vietnam.

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Cecile Trijssenaar will discuss her film. Constantine Kokkoris, a lawyer representing the Vietnamese victims will discuss the status of the lawsuit filed in US Federal court against Dow, Monsanto and the other manufacturers of Agent Orange

8:00-9:00 PM

Showing of **“A Story from the Corner of a Park”** by Tran Van Thuy (Vietnam) A documentary film that portrays a day in the life of a Vietnamese veteran who was exposed to Agent Orange during the war years.

9:00 – 9:45 PM

Diane Fox, translator of **“A Story from the Corner of a Park”**, and visiting fellow at Hamilton College, will lead a discussion of current efforts underway in Vietnam to assist victims of Agent Orange.

The US government sprayed more than twenty million gallons of Agent Orange and other chemical herbicides in southern Vietnam from 1961-71. Most of these herbicides were contaminated with dioxin, one of the world's most toxic substances.

Up to a million Vietnamese (including children) are believed to be suffering today from illnesses, disabilities, and birth defects linked to exposure to Agent Orange. U.S. and Canadian researchers have found high levels of dioxin in the blood of people who currently live near air bases where the herbicides were loaded or stored, underscoring that the legacy continues as a threat today. It is estimated that there are dozens of these ‘dioxin hotspots’ that need to be contained and cleaned up to protect future generations

The Fund for Reconciliation and Development (FRD) a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization will channel the funds raised at the event directly to VAVA. FRD can also channel funds for those who want to contribute to VAVA but are unable to attend the event.

FRD has worked with Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam for nearly twenty years on behalf of normalization of diplomatic, cultural and economic relations through public education, government advocacy, humanitarian aid and catalytic programs of people-to-people exchange and training. Current Indochina projects include mobilizing support for Normal Trade Relations with Laos, and for recognition of war legacies such as Unexploded Ordinance and the long term ecological and health impacts of Agent Orange/dioxin.

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The Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin was established in 2004 to assist Victims of Agent Orange and to be their advocate in Vietnam and around the world. VAVA recently filed a lawsuit in US federal Court on behalf of Vietnamese Victims of Agent Orange against Dow, Monsanto and the other manufacturers of AO.

Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange/Dioxin

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