



# JACKSONVILLE SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION

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## 6th Annual September 11 Concert

On the sixth anniversary of the September 11th tragedy, thousands of musicians filled the skies around the world with music as part of the 6th Annual September Concert, a music festival launched by Sister Cities International in 2002.



St. John's Cathedral, September 11

Over 150 concerts were planned in 75 cities, including 55 U.S. cities. Concerts featured music by professionals, semi-professionals and up-and-coming artists.

The Sister Cities concert locally was held at the St. John's Cathedral. Choirs contributing to this year's event were the Douglas Anderson Concert Chorale and Chorale Women, Paxon SAS Honors Chorus, Jacksonville Children's Chorus, Jacksonville Mass Choir, and the UNF Chamber Singers.

The singers were excellent and really paid tribute to “unite for peace.” Thanks to all who participated and attended this wonderful event.

## Welcome New Members!

JSCA extends a warm welcome to its newest members:

- Suzanne Carrell
- Thomas Sellers
- Sherolyn Gregory
- Joyce Weiss
- Robert Harris
- Johnathan Wiler
- Norma Hayden
- Jennifer S. Yi
- Stephanie Perkins

## UNF Award Recognizes Oupa Seane



Congratulations to JSCA member **Kamele Oupa Seane**, Director of UNF's Intercultural Center for PEACE, for receiving the university's “Soaring to Excellence Award” in the summer of 2007.

Seane was nominated based on “his ability to create opportunities for (the) University and the external community in the area of international exchange and global understanding.” Congratulations!

## JSCA Upcoming Calendar of Events!

- Oct 24** JSCA Board Meeting (St. James Bldg./City Hall)
- Nov. 9-14** Inbound delegation from Bahia Blanca
- Mid-Nov.** Inbound Delegation from Ningbo, China
- Nov. 28** JSCA Board Meeting (St. James Bldg./City Hall)

## Annual Meeting Highlights

by JSCA President Herrald Jonkers

On September 30th, the beautiful downtown library hosted JSCA's annual membership meeting. We celebrated the ending of the successful and exciting fiscal year 2006/2007, and each City Committee had the opportunity to revisit last year's projects, which included many highlights: our first Annual Global Trade & Commerce Expo; the first city-wide Night of China celebration; the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Choir performances; our first Trade Mission to Bahia Blanca; and many other successful incoming and outgoing delegation visits. Last year was a year full of ‘firsts’ for JSCA, and we look forward to broadening our horizons even more by becoming involved in international economic development and adopting more wonderful programs. Excitement is in the air! JSCA's future is bright!!

## Shaoxing Business Delegation Visits JAX

A business delegation from Shaoxing, China, a friendship city since 2004, visited Jacksonville recently to meet with city economic development officials and explore possible business links between the two cities.



The delegation meets with Michael Breen (seated, left), and Nancy Olson, (right).

The delegation of 10 included eight senior level business leaders and two representatives from the Shaoxing Foreign Affairs Office. Michael Breen, Director of the International Department at the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, presented an economic overview of Jacksonville to the delegation members, who also met with City Council Member Stephen Joost and JAXPORT officials while enjoying a dinner at the Blue Bamboo restaurant.

Special thanks to **Nancy Olson**, as well as the Chairwomen of the China Committee -- **Diane Yao** and **Sasha Yang** -- for planning this successful visit.