

The World Drum Project

The World Drum Project is an idealistic, non-profit organization founded in Norway in 2006, with a focus on peace and environmental issues.

The World Drum was created from a spiritual viewpoint of life and is a Shaman drum made in the Sami (indigenous people of Norway) traditional style. The Drum came to life after a vision received by Norwegian drummer/shaman, White Cougar. There was to be a drum made for Mother Earth to speak Her cause in ceremonies all over the world. Sami drum crafter and medicine man, Birger Mikkelsen, agreed to give birth to The World Drum. Morten Wolf Storeide read of the project in an internet forum, contacted White Cougar, and together the three started The World Drum Project with an initiation ceremony held in front of the Norwegian Parliament building on October 21st 2006. Anita Biong, a female Sami shaman, was the ceremony leader.

The Drum is a wakeup call, walking from hand to hand, from land to land, joining people across borders, ethnicities, political and religious views. It is the manifestation of a vision, a symbol of the circle of life and that we all are connected in a common struggle for humanity and Mother Earth.

Although a Sacred drum, this drum is to be enjoyed and played by all. No matter who you are or who you have been, we are all related. In its seven year journey, the Drum has visited five continents, its heartbeat being heard in sacred ceremony at 500 locations. As the World Drum travels from country to country, people to people, and from hand to hand, its heartbeat grows stronger each day, calling us to reinstate our spiritual relationship to Mother Earth.



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Speech for Mother Earth

We are all human beings,
all people, you, me, our neighbours.
No matter where you live in this world,
if it is in Africa or South-America,
if it is in Asia, Europe or U.S.A,
we are all sisters and brothers in humanity.
All people of the world.
Whether rich or poor,
whatever colour, religion or political thinking,
we are all residents of this one planet, Mother Earth.

The time has come to answer the questions.
Do we really want to destroy our home?
Do we really want war, hunger or disasters?
Do we really want to give our next generations
a planet in such a condition that there will not be any hope for survival?

Mother Earth is crying.
She is shivering in fear of losing all her entrails,
as we dig and drill to get hold of what we think is our right
towards a better wealth.

Mother Earth is crying.
Soon she will not have any tears left,
and then it will be too late.
The time has come to unite and stand together.
Please, I ask you,
take each other's hands,
lift them high and make a prayer
while The World Drum sings her song
and we feel her heartbeat.
It is the heartbeat of Mother Earth.
It is our heartbeat,
from each and one all over the world.
It is the heartbeat of life itself.

Let us join together as one that this heartbeat may continue.

Morten Wolf Storeide, Norway 2006

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The British Druid Order had the honour of hosting ceremonies with The World Drum at the Uffington White Horse and at Avebury in 2008. Five years on, the Drum returns and its heartbeat will be heard in sacred ceremony at the following places:

The Avebury Henge, South Circle – Saturday, March 30th, 11.30am-2pm

Glastonbury Tor – Sunday, March 31st, 11.30am-2pm

Ironbridge, Shropshire – Wednesday, April 3rd, 11.30am-2pm

Clee Hill, Shropshire – Friday-Sunday, April 5-7th

Cae Mabon, North Wales – Friday-Sunday, April 12-14th

Bryn Celli Ddu, Anglesey, North Wales – Saturday, April 13th, 11.30am-2pm

Wildways, Shropshire – Friday-Sunday, April 19-21st

For further details on all these events, visit www.druidry.co.uk

These rites and events are open to folk of any faith, creed or colour. If you have a drum, please bring it and merge your own rhythm with the heartbeat of our Mother Earth through the rhythm of the World Drum.

On our visit to **Avebury**, we will be working with our ancestors, the spirits of place and the spirits of the land for our great Mother Earth.

At **Glastonbury Tor**, we will be working with Albion, the sleeping giant who is the spirit of the people of Britain, with the goddess Britannia, who is the spirit of our land, and with the coiled dragon energy that resides within the Tor, weaving these powerful beings into our rite of peace and healing, awakening the land through the heartbeat of the World Drum.

Ironbridge is the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution that has resulted in marvellous technological advances, but has also led to so many of us being cut off from connections with our Mother Earth. Our focus here, as ever, will be on renewing those spiritual connections.

Clee Hill in the West Midlands is a high landscape from which it is possible to view a whole swathe of our land. Ritual sent forth from here is to flow out across our land for blessing and healing and for our Mother.

Bryn Celli Ddu (The Mound of the Dark Grove) is an ancient tomb-shrine built by our ancestors on the sacred Druid isle of Anglesey.

Wildways is a spiritual retreat centre set amongst 40 acres of beautiful woodland through which runs a brook that feeds into the sacred River Severn. Our weekend there begins on Friday evening with a **sacred chaga ceremony** of blessing and healing, **led by White**



Cougar, whose vision inspired the World Drum's creation, and **Morten Wolf Storeide**. On Saturday teachers involved in the **Druid Hedge Schools** Project are coming together from all over the country to offer teachings in many aspects of the Druid tradition. Saturday evening there will be a concert featuring music from **Greywolf**, chief of the British Druid Order; **Robin Williamson** (co-founder of The Incredible String Band); **Andy Letcher** (singer-songwriter with 'darkly crafted folk' band, Telling the Bees); **The Northern Lights Shamanic Band** from Normandy; and ace guitarist, **Jake Thomas**. Sunday will see further Druid Hedge Schools sessions, a lunchtime shared feast with bring-and-buy market and more live music, followed by our farewell rite with The World Drum.

This weekend is offered at cost. Our intention is to break even and cover expenses, not to make a profit. Hence the low cost of **£55 per person for the whole weekend**, including basic accommodation and some meals, or £21 for the Saturday only, including the evening concert.

You can book for this weekend online by going to **www.druidry.co.uk** clicking 'Online Shop' in the top menu bar then clicking 'Events' under 'Product Categories' in the box that comes up at the top right of the page. When the 'Events' page comes up, scroll down to 'Druid Hedge Schools Sampler Weekend' for more information and Paypal booking.

You can also book by 'phoning Elaine on 01746 861992 or by sending a cheque (made payable to the British Druid Order) to: Elaine Wildways Weekend, Wildways, Borle Mill Bank, Highley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire WV16 6NJ, UK ...

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