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**STUDS TERKEL NAMED RECIPIENT OF DAYTON LITERARY PEACE PRIZE FOR
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Dayton, OH - (July 17, 2006) - The Steering Committee for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize announced today that Studs Terkel will receive a special Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Lifetime Achievement at a ceremony that will be held at the Schuster Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, November 5, 2006. The Dayton Literary Peace Prizes for Fiction and Non-Fiction will also be awarded at that time.

Terkel, who recently turned 94, is an American treasure. Louis (Studs) Terkel was born on May 16, 1912 in New York City. In 1935 he began his long career as a radio producer and host in Chicago. During the 1940's Terkel acted in radio dramas. "I played the dumb gangster." He was also a disc jockey and a news commentator.

In 1949, Terkel starred in an early television program in Chicago, "Stud's Place." This program was cancelled in 1953 during the height of the Red Scare because Terkel refused to cooperate with Joseph McCarthy's House Un-American Activities Committee.

Terkel wrote newspaper columns on jazz for the Chicago Sunday Times. He became a stage actor. In 1958 he began his long run as the host of "The Studs Terkel Show" on WFMT Radio in Chicago.

Over the years Terkel interviewed thousands of guests ranging from the famous (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bob Dylan) to the typical man on the street. This experience inspired his interest in oral history.

Today he is regarded as America's greatest living oral historian. Terkel's first book of oral history was "Division Street: America" (1967) followed by "Hard Times" (1970) and "Working" (1974). These books preserve and honor the experiences of ordinary Americans who endured through extraordinary times.

Other notable Terkel titles include "American Dreams: Lost and Found" (1980), the Pulitzer Prize winning "The Good War" (1985), "The Great Divide" (1988), "Race" (1992), "Coming of Age" (1995), "Talking To Myself: A Memoir of My Times" (1995), "My American Century" (1998), "American Dreams: Lost and Found" (1991), and "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" (2001).

It should be noted that this prolific historian and documenter of the American experience published his first book of oral history when he was in his mid 50's. He chooses to describe himself as a "guerrilla journalist with a tape recorder."

He is that and much more. In his extensive body of literary work and in his life Studs Terkel has sought peace and social justice. He has given a voice to the voiceless.

Studs Terkel is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. The Dayton Literary Peace Prize for Lifetime Achievement comes with an honorarium of \$10,000.

The Dayton Literary Peace Prize is affiliated with "Dayton-A Peace Process" (DAPP). The Dayton Literary Peace Prize Steering Committee is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the authors of literature that advocates and emphasizes ideals of peace.

About the Dayton Literary Peace Prize

The Dayton Literary Peace Prize honors writers whose work uses the power of literature to foster peace, social justice, and global understanding. Launched in 2006, it has already established itself as one of the world's most prestigious literary honors, and is the only literary peace prize awarded in the United States. As an offshoot of the Dayton Peace Prize, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize awards a \$10,000 cash prize each year to one fiction and one nonfiction author whose work addresses themes of peace as a solution to conflict, and leads readers to a better understanding of other cultures, peoples, religions, and political points of view. An annual lifetime achievement award is also bestowed upon a writer whose body of work reflects the Prize's mission; previous honorees included Studs Terkel and Elie Wiesel.

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