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### **Pearl S. Buck International Launches Virtual *Taking Action* Tour**

As COVID-19 restrictions and safety guidelines continue, Pearl S. Buck International is introducing a virtual version of its award-winning *Pearl S. Buck: Taking Action* tour of the Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark, allowing visitors to experience Pearl Buck's cross-cultural and life-changing legacy from the comfort and safety of their own homes.

The interactive and dialogic *Taking Action* tour shares the story of Buck's forward-thinking human rights advocacy for issues that continue to be relevant today. Pearl S. Buck, winner of the Pulitzer and Nobel Prizes, used her fame to shed light on the rights of marginalized communities including people of color, people with disabilities, women, biracial children, and immigrants. Beyond using her writing to bring attention to these social justice issues, she took action to help those affected. This tour engages visitors in conversations about subjects important to Buck. It inspires guests to reflect on their own values and to take action to make the world a "good and peaceful place," as Pearl S. Buck said and did. In May 2020, Pearl S. Buck International's project of developing and implementing the *Taking Action* tour was named a recipient of the Award of Excellence by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). The AASLH Leadership in History Awards is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history.

The virtual *Taking Action* tour is available to anyone but is an especially good option for group or school tours—due to social distancing restrictions, Pearl S. Buck International has temporarily suspended in-person group and school tours and implemented a 5 person tour group size. The virtual tour will be presented via Zoom and includes not only a video presentation of the iconic Pearl S. Buck House, where Pearl Buck's social justice advocacy took place, and the Taking Action Center, where guests are encouraged to themselves get involved in making change in the world, but will be facilitated by a trained tour guide, allowing for dialogue, interaction, and discussion.

More information on the in-person *Taking Action* tour can be found at <https://pearlsbuck.org/takeatour>. For more information and pricing on the virtual Taking Action tour, please contact Marie Toner at 215-249-0100 ext. 149 or at [mtoner@pearlsbuck.org](mailto:mtoner@pearlsbuck.org).

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Pearl S. Buck International® provides opportunities to explore and appreciate other cultures, builds better lives for children around the globe and promotes the legacy of our founder by preserving and interpreting her National Historic Landmark Home.

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