



The Compassionate Mandala Tour

In Honour of HH the Dalai Lama in Australia 2007

Produced and presented by Tenzin Choegyal

Concerts

Overview of Event:

The music of the Compassionate Mandala Tour includes the famed multi-phonic chanting, the fascinating monastic ritual dances of Tashi Lhunpo monks and the extraordinary voice and sounds of Tenzin Choegyal.

Best of all, The Compassionate Mandala Tour will be raising funds for the exiled Tashi Lhunpo monks and The Tibetan Children's Village. This is a unique opportunity to not only provide the gift of beautiful music and world culture but to provide humanitarian assistance.

Audience Experience - Concerts:

The famed multi-phonic chanting of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition is an important part of the Tibetan musical experience. Tashi Lhunpo monks will perform their unique version of simultaneous intoning of three notes in harmony. They will also play traditional Tibetan instruments such as 10-foot long dung-chen horns, drums, bells, cymbals and gyaling trumpets.

The concert will also include the Cham Dance, a lively dance which where the dancers wear masks and ornamented costumes. The dance is accompanied by music played by the monks using traditional Tibetan instruments. The dances often offer moral instruction relating to non-harm to sentient beings and are said to bring merit to all who observe them.

Audiences will be also be moved by Tenzin's Choegyal's part of the concert and the composition of his music, the risks he takes with rhythm and structure, successfully challenging the traditional Tibetan musical norms while playing traditional Tibetan musical instruments and joined by the chanting monks.

The result is an unforgettable and moving performance perfect for all ages filled with sounds that calm and restore the soul.



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Importance of Message:

The Compassionate Mandala tour is focused on the need for all of us to recognize the importance of compassion for our fellow humans, all other life forms, the earth and ourselves. During this time of extreme global unrest, compassion is an important avenue for peace.

"...It is our collective responsibility to protect and nurture the global family, to support its weaker members, and to preserve and tend to the environment in which we all live."
- H.H. the XIV Dalai Lama

Support of Tibetan Exiles:

The Compassionate Mandala tour will raise money for Tibetan monks in exile and especially for the Tashi Lhunpo monks. Tenzin Choegyal identifies Tibetan Buddhist monasteries that are in need of support and brings them on tour to create the Mandalas and share their philosophy and culture.

Another beneficiary of the tour is the Tibetan Children's Village in Dharamsala India, the school for Tibetan refugee children that Tenzin Choegyal attended. Bringing the Compassionate Mandala tour to your festival is a rare opportunity to meet and support a musician whose immense musical talent is matched only by his humanitarian efforts.

History of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery:

Tashi Lhunpo Monastery is seat of the Panchen Lama, the second most important spiritual leader of Tibet and was founded by His Holiness the First Dalai Lama in 1447. The Communist Chinese invasion of Tibet in 1959 and the subsequent Cultural Revolution wreaked havoc on the monastery which lost many precious scriptures, statues and images. Many monks were killed or imprisoned and those who remained could not practice their religion freely. In 1972, under the patronage of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tashi Lhunpo Monastery was re-established in the Southern Indian state of Karnataka and over 250 monks now live and study there in exile.



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Recent Tour Highlights:

Songs of the Mandala Dec 05 – March 06 With the Dalai Lama's monks of Tibet

13th-15th Jan: Dayleford Singers Fest (Melbourne)
17th - 22nd Jan: Blue Mountains
13th - 18th Feb: Judith Wright Centre (Brisbane)
20th - 26th Feb: Wollongong
3rd - 5th March: Shepperton Arts Festival near Melbourne
9th - 12th March: Womadelaide
13th- 19th March: Victoria

Mystic Arts of Tibet

With Tashi Lhunpo Monks of Tibet in Exile, Karma Phuntsok

5th - 16th Sept: Melbourne Namatjira Park, clayton
18th - 24th Sept: Brisbane Powerhouse
25th - 30th Sept: Byron bay @ A & I Hall Bangalow
2nd - 8th Oct: Blue Mt. @ Katoomba Civic Centre
5th Oct: Sydney Opera House @ The Studio
12th - 13th Oct: Sunshine Coast
15th - 26th Oct: Brisbane qld Multicultural Festival



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Support Note from HH the Dalai Lama's Office in Canberra

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am extremely happy to learn that The Compassionate Mandala Tour 2007 is being undertaken by Tibetan Singer Mr. Tenzin Choegyal based in Brisbane and Monks from the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery of the Panchen Lama based in South India to honor the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's visit to Australia in 2007.

Any assistance to make their tour a success will be highly appreciated by the Tibet Information Office of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Australia.

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