

Peace Concerts

One of the most striking forms of peace expansion which Sri Chinmoy has pioneered is that of his Peace Concerts. These well-attended events, launched with a concert in March 1984 before an audience of 8,000 in Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany, have captured the imagination of people of all social and economic strata and joined them in a common desire for peace.

At these Peace Concerts, performing music that he himself has composed to create an atmosphere of tranquility, Sri Chinmoy plays a variety of instruments, including Indian esraj, flute, cello, harmonium, piano and organ. The audience shares in the quiet beauty of the music as well as in moments of silent meditation for peace led by Sri Chinmoy between instrumental performances. The response to the over 100 concerts—attended by tens of thousands in dozens of cities on six continents—indicates that Sri Chinmoy has developed a unique vehicle to encourage and manifest the deep yearning for peace in the hearts of peoples the world over.

Offered free of charge, Sri Chinmoy's concerts have filled such distinguished concert halls as the Royal Albert Hall, in London, the Palais des Congrès de Montréal and Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York. In October 1984, over 13,000 attended two concerts held back-to-back in Paris. Of special significance was a Peace Concert held in

Los Angeles during the 1984 Olympics, with an international audience of several thousand. Another U.S. concert drew 7,000 to Minneapolis in 1987.

In December 1985, 14 Permanent Representatives to the United Nations and the Office of the Assistant Secretary-General for the 40th Anniversary of the United Nations co-sponsored a well-received Peace Concert in the General Assembly Hall Lobby, marking the culmination of the fortieth anniversary ceremonies and welcoming the forthcoming International Year of Peace.

To mark the Year of Peace, Sri Chinmoy gave a series of concerts, each including a brief talk on peace, at 20 distinguished universities worldwide. In September 1986 he gave another concert in the General Assembly Hall Lobby to mark the opening of the 41st session of the General Assembly.

In 1987 Sri Chinmoy premiered his improvisational music on the piano and organ, in such well-known halls as Royal Albert Hall in London and Carnegie Hall and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York.

The voluminous comments offered by listeners testify to the tangible power of the peace which Sri Chinmoy invokes during these concerts and the abiding inspiration he offers them *to do something in their own lives* to make the world a better place.

LIST OF PEACE CONCERTS GIVEN AROUND THE WORLD

1984

- 24 March—Sporthalle, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany
- 15 April—Prospect Park, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 16 April—Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- 19 May—Sheraton-Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- 3 June—The Auditorium Theatre, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.
- 16 June—Felician College, Lodi, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 23 June—The First Unitarian Church, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.
- 27 June—The Community Church, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 7 July—Washington Irving High School, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 22 July—Teatro Municipal Tapia, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 9 August—Santa Ana Stadium, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.
- 16 August—Riverside Church, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 12 September—Dallas Brookes Hall, Melbourne, Australia
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- 19 September—Sugianami Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 9 October—Royal Albert Hall, London, England
- 13 October—L'Espace Balard, Paris, France
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- 10 November—Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada
- 13 November—St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.
- 14 November—University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.
- 19 December—Hotel Melia, Torremolinos, Spain
- 26 December—Ateneo de Madrid, Salon de Actos, Madrid, Spain
- 29 December—Hotel Suisse, Casablanca, Morocco

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- 23 March—Hochschule der Kunste, Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany
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- 24 March—CCH Congress Centrum, Hamburg, Federal Republic of Germany
- 25 March—Gut Buschhof, Bonn-Königswinter, Federal Republic of Germany
- 26 March—Sporthalle, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany
- 27 March—Friedrich Ebert Halle, Ludwigshafen, Federal Republic of Germany
- 29 March—Deutsches Museum, Munich, Federal Republic of Germany
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- 30 March—Stadthalle Freiburg, Freiburg, Federal Republic of Germany
- 31 March—Kuchlin Theater, Basel, Switzerland
- 31 March—Hallenstadion, Zurich, Switzerland
- 1 April—Wiener Konzerthaus, Vienna, Austria
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- 12 September—Palais des Congrès, Montreal, Canada
- 29 September—Davies Hall, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.
- 30 September—University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.
- 30 September—University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A.
- 1 October—University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada
- 16 October—Usher Hall, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 17 October—Odeon Theatre, Birmingham, England

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- 19 October—Le Zenith, Paris, France
- 28 October—Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 29 October—Beacon Theater, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 3 December—War Memorial Theater, Trenton, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 5 December—Bushnell Memorial Hall, Hartford, Connecticut, U.S.A.
- 8 December—United Nations General Assembly Lobby, New York headquarters
- 16 December—Musashino Shimin Bunka Kaikan, Tokyo, Japan
- 18 December—Kamakura City Public Hall, Kamakura, Japan
- 19 December—Science Hall, Tokyo, Japan
- 24 December—Oita Ken Seishonen Kaikan, Beppu, Japan

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- 3 January—Miroku no Sato, Fukuyama, Japan
- 5 January—Cultural Centre, Hiroshima, Japan
- 8 January—Cultural Arts Hall, Kyoto, Japan
- 10 January—Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan
- 11 January—Women's Cultural Hall, Nagoya, Japan
- 24 January—Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.
- 25 January—Columbia University, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 31 January—Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 2 February—Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A.
- 6 February—U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- 7 March—Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
- 31 March—New York University, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 3 April—Fairleigh Dickenson University, Rutherford, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 3 April—Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 19 April—University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, U.S.A.
- 19 April—Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, U.S.A.
- 6 June—Technical University, Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany
- 9 June—Technical University, Vienna, Austria
- 10 June—University of Stuttgart-Pfaffenwald, Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany
- 11 June—Technical University, Zurich, Switzerland
- 12 June—University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland
- 17 July—Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden
- 17 July—University of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden
- 18 July—Helsinki University, Helsinki, Finland
- 19 July—Retretti Concert Hall, Punkaharju, Finland
- 27 September—United Nations General Assembly Lobby, New York headquarters
- 1 October—Civic Center, San Jose, California, U.S.A.
- 12 November—Grugra Hall, Essen, Federal Republic of Germany
- 13 November—Alexandra Palace, London, England
- 14 November—Le Zenith, Paris, France

- 19 November—Opera House, Seattle, Washington
- 20 November—Memorial Arena, Victoria, B. C., Canada
- 21 November—Kitsillano High School, Vancouver, B. C., Canada
- 18 December—United Nations Information Centre; Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 23 December—United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile
- 28 December—Club de Viña, Viña del Mar, Chile

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- 5 January—Hotel Pedro de Valdivia, Valdivia, Chile
- 11 January—Hotel El Pardo, Lima, Peru
- 20 February—State University of New York at Stony Brook, New York, U.S.A.
- 22 February—Buchman Hall, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 27 February—Washington Irving High School, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 20 March—Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 22 March—Buchman Hall, New York, New York, U.S.A.
- 27 March—Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Auditorium, Forest Hills, New York, U.S.A.
- 28 March—James J. Reynolds Junior High School, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.
- 29 March—Rippowam High School, Stamford, Connecticut, U.S.A.
- 4 April—Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.
- 5 April—Bronx, New York, U.S.A.
- 28 April—New Rochelle, New York, U.S.A.
- 18 May—Novotel, Freiburg, Federal Republic of Germany
- 19 May—Congress Halle, Augsburg, Federal Republic of Germany
- 20 May—Rosengarten, Mannheim, Federal Republic of Germany
- 21 May—Krone Circus, Munich, Federal Republic of Germany
- 22 May—Tiergarten Hall, Nuremberg, Federal Republic of Germany
- 24 May—Die Flora, Cologne, Federal Republic of Germany
- 25 May—Mozart Hall, Stuttgart, Federal Republic of Germany
- 27 May—Congress Hall, Davos, Switzerland
- 29 May—Royal Albert Hall, London, United Kingdom
- 30 May—Suffolk College, Ipswich, United Kingdom
- 10 June—P.S. 86, Jamaica, New York, U.S.A.
- 12 June—P.S. 86, Jamaica, New York, U.S.A.
- 17 June—Aspiration-Ground, Jamaica, New York, U.S.A.
- 27 June—Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.
- 3 July—Aspiration-Ground, Jamaica, New York, U.S.A.
- 10 July—Aspiration-Ground, Jamaica, New York, U.S.A.
- 18 July—Grounds of the Washington Monument, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.
- 14 August—Aspiration-Ground, Jamaica, New York, U.S.A.
- 15 August—Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York, U.S.A.
- 23 September—Urawa City Center, Tokyo, Japan
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- 24 September—Kotoku-in Temple, Kamakura, Japan
- 25 September—Nagasaki Peace Memorial Hall, Nagasaki, Japan
- 26 September—Hiroshima Peace Memorial Hall, Hiroshima, Japan
- 27 September—Avanti Hall, Kyoto, Japan