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In honour of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, Sri Chinmoy travelled throughout the length and breadth of the world during 1995 to offer 50 free Peace Concerts of his own soul-stirring compositions. Countless lovers and dreamers of peace attended the series, and many spoke most eloquently about the profound impact which Sri Chinmoy's meditative music had on their lives. As well, leaders from all walks of life lovingly offered their unreserved encouragement and appreciation to Sri Chinmoy, who has led twice-weekly Peace Meditations at the United Nations for the past 25 years — half the life of the UN. Following are some selected comments gathered from letters, speeches and meetings over the past year.

Mother Teresa
Founder, Missionaries of Charity
1979 Nobel Peace Laureate

23 November 1995

“What a wonderful work Sri Chinmoy is doing for world peace! Thank God for this great gift from Sri Chinmoy! He is giving us such a wonderful opportunity in this way to serve God and all the people of the world. It is all for the Glory of God and for the good of people...”

24 July 1995

“One day we will be able to use Sri Chinmoy’s beautiful songs in all of our houses. Sri Chinmoy is proving that the fruit of prayer is a clean heart. The fruit of prayer is a deepening of faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace. Where there is peace, there is love and unity. I am offering my blessings to Sri Chinmoy and to each one of his beautiful songs with my whole heart....”

Mikhail Gorbachev
President of the Soviet Union
1990 Nobel Peace Laureate

23 May 1995

"My dear friend, Sri Chinmoy,

"... It is not by chance that the United Nations has been giving increasing attention in its activities to the spiritual improvement of the human being, and Guru Sri Chinmoy plays an enormous role in that noble work as head of the Centre of peace meditation for the whole world.

"I wish to express the hope that the music you are going to hear to-day will strengthen your confidence that life and the world in which we are living are still beautiful and that we are duty-bound to do all we can to make them even better."



Mikhail Gorbachev
President of the Soviet Union
1990 Nobel Peace Laureate

24 November 1995

"... I cannot fail to express once more my admiration for your creative energy and versatile talents, the main purpose of which is to serve people.

"I sincerely wish you success, and I am sure that the concert will become yet another significant contribution to peace and understanding among peoples, for culture and spirituality are the everlasting values which sustain the universe."



HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT

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STEINGRÍMUR HERMANNSSON
GOVERNOR

Steingrímur Hermannsson
Former Prime Minister of Iceland

6 December 1995

"I understand that you are now completing a series of fifty concerts which you have given in different places around the world in support of the United Nations and in honour of its Fiftieth Anniversary. At this occasion I want to express my strong admiration for your unbending effort on behalf of humanity....

"It is my firm belief that the world must without delay stop destroying the environment and as a matter of fact embark upon a course of its restoration if future generations are to be able to survive and enjoy life on this planet....

"For this to happen we need such crusaders as yourself. I wish you success in your very important effort."

Steingrímur Hermannsson

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PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada

14 October 1995

"On behalf of the people of Canada, I am pleased to send greetings to you and to the thousands of peace-lovers who join you tonight in Montreal....

"This special occasion also offers the Canadian peace-lovers who have come to join you a wonderful opportunity to reflect with pride upon the creative role which our country played in creation of the United Nations, and the immensely positive contribution we have made in a variety of ways to the attainment of its worthy objectives....

"Please accept my best wishes for a memorable peace concert and continued success in your inspirational quest for peace on earth."



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada

December 1995

"I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to you on the completion of your fifty Peace Concerts in celebration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations....

"As we mark this momentous occasion, we are reminded of the principles which guided the UN's establishment: the preservation of individual freedom and the promotion of global peace. These values are at the heart of the international search for harmony; a cause in which you have worked tirelessly at the United Nations over the past twenty-five years."



PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

Paul J. Keating
Prime Minister of Australia

24 April 1995

"Your activities in inspiring a vision of peace are recognised around the world as is your special contribution to the United Nations. It would be a privilege to have one of your Peace Concerts performed in Australia."

Jim Bolger
Prime Minister of New Zealand

29 June 1995

"Your work for world peace is well-known to New Zealanders....Your achievements are remarkable! Your words are very, very interesting and very true."

Ramaswami Venkataraman
Former President of India

6 December 1995

"On the occasion of Sri Chinmoy's 50th Peace Concert in commemoration of the 50 years of the United Nations, I offer my greetings and good wishes.

"Sri Chinmoy has been tirelessly working for peace on earth. May his efforts succeed. The United Nations is the last hope of mankind."



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Al Gore
Vice President of the United States

11 December 1995

"After learning about the recent celebration of the Peace Concert, I wanted to take this opportunity to write personal best wishes. Certainly, I am glad to add my congratulations to those of your family and friends at this special time.

"Tipper joins me in sending our warmest hopes for you in the years to come. Please be assured that our thoughts will continue to be with you.

"Once again, please accept my congratulations. I wish you every possible success in the future."

UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS

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DR. KURT WALDHEIM

Kurt Waldheim

Secretary-General of the United Nations (1972-1981)

Former President of Austria

4 December 1995

"I have heard about your concerts celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations in St. Paul the Apostle Church and Lincoln Center on December 7 and 8, 1995. I extend to you my warmest good wishes for your activities in this regard.

"Deeply shocked by the tragic events of World War II, the community of nations wanted to make sure that such a tragedy will not repeat itself. However, in the light of what has happened in the last 50 years, the question is put to us with increasing vigour: Have we become full grown over the last 50 years?

"What we need ... is a retreat from purely materialistic thinking, and more commitment to the fate of the international community as a whole. As Pope Paul VI stated, 'development is the new name for peace'.

Without development there can be no just and lasting peace to which all men and women of good will aspire. The fight against poverty, disease, ignorance and the innumerable human sufferings must be our principal commitment for the twenty-first century."

Kurt Waldheim


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Javier Pérez de Cuéllar
Secretary-General of the United Nations (1982-1991)

11 December 1995

"Honourable Sri Chinmoy,

"On the momentous occasion of your final Peace Concert celebrating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, I would like to hail once again your invaluable contribution to world peace and human togetherness which are a source of pride and inspiration for political action worldwide. Please accept my sincere thanks for what you are doing for the betterment of mankind."



Vladimir F. Petrovsky
Director-General, United Nations Office at Geneva
Former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union

5 October 1995

"I admire you very much, Sri Chinmoy. What I admire very much in your case are your relentless efforts to achieve the goal of peace. For me, you and your Group are like the United Nations, a miniature United Nations. You now have Centres in most countries all over the world. You have always been a dear and close friend. The friendship with you and with all your students is a most pleasant experience in my life."

Robert Muller
Chancellor, University for Peace
Former United Nations Assistant Secretary-General

5 December 1995

"I know Sri Chinmoy is a great prophet of the United Nations. The entire world should be extremely grateful to Sri Chinmoy, head of the Meditation Group at the United Nations, for his untiring efforts to bring the United Nations closer to the heart of the people. This he has done most devotedly and extensively this year in honour of the United Nations 50th Anniversary."



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Francine Fournier
Deputy Director-General for Social and Human Sciences,
UNESCO

January 6th 1996

"I would like to congratulate Sri Chinmoy for his activities for peace and oneness, which relate to the work that we have been pursuing for half a century 'to build in the minds of men the defenses of peace.'"

"We are aware of Sri Chinmoy's activities, notably his meditations for peace and the numerous concerts that he has been offering in several countries around the world in order to reinforce support for the United Nations."

"May I express my sincere gratitude."

SENATORS
AND CONGRESSMEN

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DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN
NEW YORK

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3201

Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Senator from New York

5 December

"I would like to extend my congratulations to you as you prepare to give your final concert honoring the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations. By celebrating this milestone in your concerts, you have helped to spread the ideal of peace for which the United Nations stands.

"Please keep up your fine work."

D. Moynihan

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PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA THE SENATE

SENATOR SID SPINDLER
AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRAT
SENATOR FOR VICTORIA

Sid Spindler
Australian Senator for Victoria

8 December 1995

"The Australian Democrats congratulate Sri Chinmoy on his untiring efforts to bring about world peace.

"That aim will not be achieved until the message of love, tolerance and equality of all women and men penetrates the hearts of the global community.

"Sri Chinmoy is a remarkably effective ambassador for this message and we salute him at this celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the UN."

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Congress of the United States

Committee on International Relations

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Benjamin A. Gilman

Chairman, Committee on International Relations

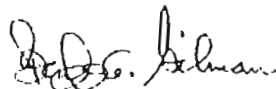
United States House of Representatives, Congressman from New York

14 November 1995

"I enjoyed your peaceful presence so much in 1993 when you were my guest in Congress to lead one of your peace meditation programs in the hearing room of the House Committee on Foreign Relations. The flute music you played on that day in June was uplifting and a welcome contrast to the vociferous debates that take place on the House floor.

"Congratulations on your world tour of this year's 50 Peace Concerts celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations. I support this noble cause and salute your efforts to create inclusive events around the world, free and open to all who dream of peace in their lives and among peoples. I was impressed when I learned of the turnouts you had in your October concerts of 15,000 music lovers in Prague and 13,000 at your concert in Montreal. This kind of popular response is encouraging because it indicates the emergence of a collective aspiration for peace.

"As a World War II veteran, who has felt the horrors of war first hand, I cheered the forming of the United Nations because it gave us hope to see nations of the world taking steps together to nurture a lasting peace. During my first decade in Congress, I found myself a Congressional Delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, an experience which confirmed my belief in the organization's potential. Meeting and mixing with our brothers and sisters from around the world is indispensable to understanding that, indeed, at the highest level, in today's global village we are a world family. Your efforts to teach this oneness of all peoples through meditation, music, art and athletics are like an oasis of peace which hopefully will spread throughout the length and breadth of the world."



MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY

Jorge E. Illueca

Permanent Representative of Panama to the United Nations

President of the thirty-eighth session of the United Nations

General Assembly

Former President of Panama

(From a statement on the occasion of the Peace Concert held in the United Nations General Assembly Hall lobby on 23 May 1995)

“Sri Chinmoy has been a cherished friend for almost twenty years. During this time I have been privileged to participate in a number of activities of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, and I have observed with great satisfaction the growing impact of his message of universal harmony and understanding.... Sri Chinmoy has a pure vision of what the United Nations means inwardly and what it can become outwardly. The efforts of the United Nations for peace, justice and development need a solid spiritual foundation, and Sri Chinmoy has been working tirelessly for twenty-five years to strengthen that foundation....

“Tonight Sri Chinmoy will play his compositions on fifty instruments which he has gathered from his peace missions throughout the world. Music is a universal language that goes beyond all barriers of politics, beliefs, language and culture. In listening to Sri Chinmoy’s

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music of peace, let us rededicate ourselves to the noble goals of the United Nations which have brought us all together. Sri Chinmoy, thank you for offering us your Concert tonight. I wish to thank you personally for your great work and for your friendship and support, and I pray for the continued success of all your endeavours."



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Siddhartha Shankar Ray
Ambassador of India to the United States

25 November 1995

"Sri Chinmoy's name has become synonymous with universal harmony, global understanding and world peace. This concert celebrates oneness in diversity as exemplified by the high ideals of the United Nations. Mother India applauds Sri Chinmoy's efforts to raise us from the individual state to the universal, and bring us all to the level of a common humanity, so that the world becomes one family.

"I join with Sri Chinmoy in his noble prayers for global peace, and deeply appreciate his unprecedented offering to the United Nations in its 50th year."

Siddhartha Ray

17 November 1995

(Ambassador Ray introduced Sri Chinmoy at the Peace Concert in Washington, D.C., on 17 November 1995, and hosted a reception after the Concert for ambassadors and other distinguished guests. Following are excerpts from his remarks.)

"Mahatma Gandhi once said, 'Not to believe in the possibility of permanent peace is to disbelieve in the Godliness of the human future'. Sri Chinmoy is one of those rare individuals who not only believes in the possibility of global peace, but is actually working to achieve this goal.

"Sri Chinmoy is all this and much more. He is indeed a multi-faceted genius, a multi-splendoured personality, and also a poet, artist, musician and athlete, as well as a spiritual guide. Sri Chinmoy is an embodiment of Rabindranath Tagore's immortal concept of 'the universal man'. For over thirty years Sri Chinmoy has tirelessly dedicated his life to the pursuit of world peace and to the fulfilment of the unlimited potential of the human spirit.

"India, the land of his birth, has had several seers and sages throughout its thousands and thousands of years of history, who tried to put man in touch with his inner reality and offered nourishment for the soul. Sri Chinmoy belongs to the same tradition. His music

and his songs are timeless and universal. The songs radiate their own particular emotional quality which transcends the barriers of geography and culture, religion and race.

"As a commentator has written about Sri Chinmoy, 'Here it is no longer a question of Japan, India or Islam. These songs come from Heaven itself. But there is no feeling of distance, for these songs remind us that this Heaven is inside ourselves.'

"Indeed, the thousands of years of our spiritual history tell us to lift up our consciousness beyond time and space and enter the eternal and the universal. The music and melodies of Sri Chinmoy do just that. So let us now join Sri Chinmoy and become privy to a cosmic concert which will raise us from the individual state to the universal, and bring us all to the level of a common humanity, so that the world indeed becomes our family — *Vasudhaiva kutumbakam.*"



Laxmi Mall Singhvi
High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom

24 November 1995

"Sri Chinmoy's life is the soul of music. He has given the world the music of the soul through his 50 Peace Concerts to mark the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.

"I join Sri Chinmoy in his prayers, meditation and thanksgiving and add my own thanksgiving to the Divine Providence for blessing us with noble spirits like Sri Chinmoy whose prodigious powers have helped to create a soulful symphony of universal resonance while he weaves the garland of nation-souls by his versatile and sublime music."

L.M. Singhvi

13 May 1995

(High Commissioner Singhvi introduced Sri Chinmoy at the Peace Concert in London on 13 May 1995 and hosted a reception after the Concert for ambassadors and other distinguished guests. Following are excerpts from his remarks.)

"May I say what a great privilege it is for all of us present here to be listening in a short while to the authentic voice of the world and its spiritual quest. Sri Chinmoy is a great spiritual Master. He says what he says in many different ways. He uses the language of music most enchantingly through his own compositions. Music expresses the spirit of spirituality. It is this soul of music and music of soul that we shall have the opportunity to listen to this evening.

"Sri Chinmoy has taken a consistent interest in world peace. His contribution to world peace is at the level of the fundamental awareness of the human spirit. In recent years he has held hundreds of Peace Concerts in the capitals of the world with the great and the mighty and the powerful in the cause of that which is quintessential in the world. His Peace Concerts bring to us the message of spirituality, without which durable peace cannot be established. Every song that is composed, every line that is written and every word that is used are charged with the deep sense of spirituality.

"He comes from India, but he is not of India alone. He represents the great heritage of India in its quest for universality. It is this great universality of spirit which

characterises the pilgrimage towards realisation of the aspirations of mankind everywhere. Sri Chinmoy is a spiritual Master who brings the music of the soul to all of us this evening, particularly in celebration of the United Nations: the concept of the United Nations as a community, the concept of the United Nations as a cultural centre, the concept of the United Nations as a vehicle of peace. And this he has done for the last twenty-five years. Even recently, the torches of peace ignited by Queen Elizabeth at the VE Day Anniversary Celebrations were lit by Sri Chinmoy's torch. He offers, therefore, a beacon-light for the world.

"I see here tonight many of my distinguished colleagues who are ambassadors of their respective countries. I see many other distinguished members of the community. All of them together are here to raise their voices for peace.... The time for the idea of the togetherness of humankind has now come. It is at this time that the voice of Sri Chinmoy and the sound of his music become the soul-stirring call to our spirit. We are indebted to him; the whole of humanity is in his debt for consistently striving for peace and for giving voice to the cause of peace through music throughout the world....

"I am deeply grateful to Sri Chinmoy for his presence in our midst. I am deeply grateful to him for bringing us the voice of peace, the voice of spirituality, the voice of the togetherness of humankind, the voice of Mahatma Gandhi in our present world to raise us to that very high level of consciousness, which is what Sri Chinmoy is."



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Senior Special Advisor

Culture of Peace Programme

Ananda W.P. Guruge
*Senior Special Advisor, UNESCO
 Former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States,
 France and UNESCO*

25 November 1995

"It will be an unprecedented experience to hear your most inspiring music....

"What is very significant is that this concert is another of your eloquent expressions of the high esteem in which you hold the United Nations system. You have not only been associated with it for a very long time, but you have provided a spiritual backing to men of vision who, during this period, guided the affairs of the world. You have thus made a remarkable contribution to the ethical mission of peace through development, conflict resolution and observance of human rights....

"There are many problems still to be solved. But the tested mechanisms of this noble system of organizations are at the disposal of humankind. Thank you for making us conscious of it in your own inimitable manner."

Ananda



Sergey Lavrov
*Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the
United Nations
Current President of the United Nations Security Council*

7 December 1995

"I would like to use this opportunity ... to congratulate you on your philosophic and artistic achievements. It has been since 1970 that you, an internationally respected philosopher, lecturer, author and spiritual leader with an interdenominational approach, have been associated with the United Nations serving as a leader of a meditation group at the UN Headquarters. Your group has dedicated itself to the ideals of universal harmony and world peace. You have authored a number of other initiatives aimed at contributing to international peace.

"But above all it is your music and your poetry that attract people most. To paraphrase your own poetic lines, you are helping the UN 'world-justice-peace-dream-tree' to 'blossom into world-reality-flowers and fruits'..."

Karel Kovanda
*Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the
United Nations*

*(From welcoming remarks at the Peace Concert held in the
United Nations General Assembly Hall lobby on 23 May
1995)*

"My wife and I and our little baby are very grateful to Guru Sri Chinmoy. In this hectic life that we are all living here, and some of us even more hectic than others — those of us who have little babies and those of us who serve on the Security Council — Sri Chinmoy manages to bring a little slowness into the life, manages to help us appreciate the minutes rather than just the days, and for this we are very grateful. Thank you all very much for joining us tonight."



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
TO THE UNITED NATIONS. NEW YORK

Win Mra
*Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the
United Nations*

8 December 1995

"On the occasion of your last Peace Concert for 1995, I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your completion of a series of fifty international Peace Concerts in honour of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations.

"Members of my Mission join me in extending to you our warm regards and best wishes for the continued success of your Peace Concerts."

Win Mra

Jayaraj Acharya
*Fellow at the Center for International Studies, Harvard
University
Former Permanent Representative of Nepal to the United
Nations*

24 November 1995

"I hope that the United Nations will be able to live up to your blessings and expectations. I hope that the 185 or more Member States of the United Nations will feel the same music inside them, the music of harmony and peace, the music of concerted efforts to create a new world order where all of us, the children of God, will realise the oneness of our soul as you have repeatedly preached (*eko aham bahu syam*). I hope that just as a single soul can play 150 musical instruments signifying the unity in plurality, all of us at the United Nations will be able to see plurality as a manifestation of the One."

Alexander S. Gorelik
*Chief, International Organizations
Department of the Russian Foreign Ministry*

8 December 1995

"It is a great pleasure for me to know that you are going to complete 50 Peace Concerts worldwide this year to honour the United Nations 50th Anniversary....

"I am convinced that this concert will be a full success and a valuable contribution to the cause of peace."



Wonil Cho
*Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea
to the United Nations*

8 December 1995

"Sri Chinmoy is like Mahatma Gandhi. He is building international understanding, tolerance and peace. Even from his pictures, I can see he is a great man: preaching to the grass roots, to people like us."

Keshav Raj Jha
Ambassador of Nepal to France

13 May 1995

“Sri Chinmoy is a personality well-known all over the world for his consistent struggle to spread the message of peace in the hearts of men and women from all parts of the world and all paths of life. During past decades, he has made immense contributions to promote peace.”

LEADERS OF
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[FOUNDED IN 1938 BY KULAPATI DR. K. M. MUNSHI]
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C. Subramaniam

President, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

*Former Finance Minister of India and holder of many
other Cabinet posts*

*Madras, India
5 December 1995*

"Today we need the blessings of holy men to preserve peace in the world. Sri Chinmoy is contributing a great deal to establish peace on earth and to promote harmony in human society.

"I am glad to hear that Sri Chinmoy has offered 50 Peace Concerts this year in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations. I hope that the 50th Concert in New York will prove a great success, as it brings about the harmony of music injected into the society."

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Bharatiya Vidya
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S. Ramakrishnan

Executive Secretary and Director General, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

*Bombay, India
7 December 1995*

“For over three decades now, revered Sri Chinmoy has been spreading peace, shanti, through divine music, the language that knows no barriers. Through the unifying force and rhythm of music, Sri Chinmoy has transcended all man-made barriers of race, religion, nation, caste or creed. Verily, Sri Chinmoy is an Adarsha Vishva Manava: Ideal citizen of the world. More, he is one of the Divine Integrators, elevating humankind from the mire of materialistic pursuits to sublime levels, leading them to Anandamayatva....

“May the Almighty continue to bless Poojya Sri Chinmoy and his Mission to continue to preserve and protect Universal Peace through divine music.”

S. Ramakrishnan



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INSTITUTE OF INDIAN CULTURE

P. Jayaraman

Executive Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, USA

*New York, New York
27 November 1995*

“Sri Chinmoy embodies the spiritual, intellectual, philosophic and cultural glory of India. ‘*Vasudhaiva kutumbakam*’ — the whole world is a family: Sri Chinmoy’s life is dedicated to the cause of creating this world family with love, harmony and peace.

“Sri Chinmoy’s music has meditative and spiritual power and his meditation has musical and soul-touching melody. He has just completed playing 150 instruments, which is a unique achievement. He makes everyone believe that the soul-power is supreme and can raise the individual to any height.”

P. Jayaraman

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23 November 1995

"The many instruments you plan to use during your holy musical meditation are bound to move the spirit of the participants to a higher level of existence, reaching the angelic and even the divine level where the Supreme Himself dwells. At this higher level of existence, the participants will be given the opportunity to see things in a better perspective, thus enabling themselves to become more spiritually oriented in their daily lives afterwards.

"Let me congratulate you for this great joyful service you are performing in the best interest of humanity. As a result of this forthcoming concert, the world is bound to be affected and to become better in various ways."

Charles Mercieca

Richard Hudson

Executive Director, Centre for War/Peace Studies

8 December 1995

"Sri Chinmoy's activities are very impressive. I have been working on the legal and political aspects of peace, but it is important that leaders and teachers encourage the spiritual approach to peace as well. We have to be multidimensional. We have to develop a global consciousness. Meditation can provide inner wisdom and great comfort, as U Thant and Sri Chinmoy demonstrate."

NATIONAL AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT LEADERS

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Garrie Gibson

Member of Australian National Parliament

7 June 1995

"Peace Ambassador Sri Chinmoy will be visiting Canberra later this month to offer a Peace Concert here in the Great Hall on the exact 50th Anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter, June 26. I hope many of my colleagues from both sides of the House will take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear one of the world's most remarkable peace-lovers and peace-servers.

"I am convinced that the failings and shortcomings of the UN will only be transformed and transcended when we can dedicate ourselves with renewed commitment and vigour to the vision of oneness embodied in the UN Charter. The arrival of the Peace Run here today, the exhibition of 'Peace-Birds' and Sri Chinmoy's impending visit to honour the 50th Anniversary of the signing of this Charter will hopefully serve to remind us that the search for peace is an ongoing struggle, a responsibility that falls on the shoulders of each and every member of humanity.

"I commend Sri Chinmoy for these imaginative, inspired efforts to kindle the flame of peace within us all."

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Pule Lameko

Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture, Western Samoa

7 December 1995

"I join with Sri Chinmoy and offer the hope that his mission for peace in the world will powerfully succeed. As Minister, I feel strongly that if all nations would support Sri Chinmoy's efforts for world peace, the problems which the world is now confronting of hatred and destruction would be solved."

Les Mills

Mayor of Auckland, New Zealand

30 June 1995

"Sri Chinmoy is a man who for the past 30 years has dedicated his life to world peace and, as well, most importantly, to the development of the human spirit, to moving people of the world from darkness into light.

"Sri Chinmoy, as you all know, is ... a fabulous man, an inspiring man who has worked as a universal ambassador of peace. Sri Chinmoy is here to help us understand our unique worth and to inspire us to respect that worth in others, to understand that worth in others, and to treat others with tolerance and love. To change the world, we must first live in peace and harmony with our families and neighbours."



Norman B. Rice
Mayor of Seattle, Washington

4 November 1995

"As Mayor of the City of Seattle, it gives me great pleasure to welcome such a distinguished world peace leader as yourself to our city. In addition, I am honored to acknowledge you, Sri Chinmoy, as a renowned 'Ambassador of Peace' and as one of the Premier First Citizens of the World.

"You have lived an exemplary life devoted to fostering the oneness of people throughout the world. By offering countless individuals of many nations the opportunity to discover the wellspring of peace that lies within themselves, you are creating the foundation for a lasting world peace. Your example is an inspiration to us all.

"Best wishes for your Peace Concert in Seattle celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, and may your legacy of leadership continue for many years to come."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norman B. Rice".

LEADERS IN OTHER FIELDS

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Pir Vilayat Inayat-Khan
Head of the Sufi Order in the West

8 December 1995

"Your creative inspiration has given a new hope to so many bogged in the turbulence of our day and age.

"Wishing you success in this lofty undertaking to raise consciousness for humanity."

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From The Right Honourable The Lord Menzies DBE

Yehudi Menuhin
Renowned violinist

5 December 1995

"All my best wishes for December 8, marking your fiftieth concert this year honouring the founding of the United Nations.

"May you long continue to be one always ready to inspire his fellow men."



Narada Michael Walden
Top producer, songwriter and drummer
Three-time Grammy Award Winner

7 December 1995

"You are the man, serving the UN for the last 25 years and now playing your 50th concert in honour of the UN's 50th Year. We hoist your victory-banner and applaud your untiring life-service-tree.

"Your dream is a reality we are growing into. Your good grace and kindness is the highest inspiration for us all."



Community of the Peace People

Mairead Maguire

1976 Nobel Peace Laureate

Founder, Community of the Peace People, Belfast, Northern Ireland

24 November 1995

"We are inspired by your deep commitment to peace, and we join you and your friends in spirit as you play your music of peace on all the different instruments."

"May the diversity of sounds of the 150 instruments touch many hearts and challenge us to celebrate and rejoice in diversity of all kinds in our world."

Mairead Maguire

Norman Borlaug

1970 Nobel Peace Laureate

Associate Director of Agricultural Affairs, CIMMYT

Distinguished Professor, Texas A & M University

24 November 1995

"Having spent 51 years of my professional life in food-poor nations in order to stimulate food production and distribution, I have come to realise that all mankind is very similar. We all have the same hopes and aspirations. We all suffer from the same miseries and diseases."

"It is especially in this light that I congratulate you, Sri Chinmoy, as you strive so self-givingly to bring about better understanding and improvement for the people of the world. I particularly congratulate you on your concert where you will perform on 150 musical instruments as an inspiration for the betterment of humanity."

Cardinal Roger Etchegaray
*President of the Pontifical Court for Justice and Peace, the
Vatican*

24 November 1995

"I offer to you my prayers and my heartfelt greetings
on this very special occasion."

Monsignor Tom Hartman
*Author and Director of Television and Communications
for the Diocese of Rockville Center, New York*

25 November 1995

"When Sri Chinmoy speaks, meditates, sings or plays
musical instruments, his peaceful, prayerful demeanor
invites people of deep faith throughout the world to
join together in a vision that God lives in this world
and the next for all of us. His life is a spiritual blessing
and we are all made the better because of him."



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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Richard L. McCormick
President, University of Washington, Seattle

1 November 1995

"It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to Seattle and to the University of Washington community as you offer a Peace Concert in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations.

"You have won great praise for your ceaseless efforts for the cause of peace, and I want to offer my personal thanks for your inspirational message of hope and goodness. I join you in seeking a world of courage and love.

"Thank you for coming to Seattle and for serving the cause of world peace in the University of Washington community."

Richard L. McCormick

Charles Johnson
Professor, University of Washington, Seattle
Renowned author and winner of the National Book Award

4 November 1995

"All of Sri Chinmoy's works are a form of worship, whether they are in the fields of music or writing or literally uplifting others in the world.... I believe that the great creative productivity of this man illustrates for us all that any man or woman devoted to the life of the spirit will bring forth gifts of beauty and redemption in numerous genres and fields of artistic endeavour. Like Gandhi, like Mother Teresa, like Martin Luther King, Jr., Sri Chinmoy's presence and work among us have enriched all of our lives."

Alina Bloomgarden

Director of Visitor Services, Lincoln Center, New York

8 December 1995

(Ms. Bloomgarden gave the following welcoming remarks at the Peace Concert at Lincoln Center.)

"It is with greatest pleasure that I welcome our most honoured and distinguished friend, Sri Chinmoy. Earlier this year I had the most moving experience of meeting Sri Chinmoy for the first time and hearing his music at a very special United Nations Concert commemorating the opening of the Fiftieth Session of the General Assembly. As Director of Visitor Services at Lincoln Center for almost fifteen years, I have had the privilege and good fortune to partake in many memorable musical evenings, but this evening's Peace Concert is a very special one for Lincoln Center and will be remembered as a most precious occasion. Tonight the innermost wish for peace that we all share is certain to be united by the music and the heart of this man. So it is with pleasure and gratitude that I welcome all of you this evening as Sri Chinmoy graces Lincoln Center and all of us with his spiritual music and meditation."

James Irsay

Announcer, WQXR Radio (The New York Times classical radio station)

8 December 1995

(Mr. Irsay introduced Sri Chinmoy at the Peace Concert at Lincoln Center on 8 December 1995. Following are excerpts from his remarks.)

"I would like to welcome you to a very special evening of celebration: the completion of Sri Chinmoy's 50 Peace Concert series in honour of the United Nations Golden Anniversary. Sri Chinmoy embarked on this project to express his commitment to the ideals of the UN, which he has been serving for more than a quarter of a century as leader of the Peace Meditation there.

"We have come tonight to see a very special person, a man who has more than a glimmer of hope, for he feels the inevitability of peace amid all the horrible wars and hatreds that concern us all. His hope and his vision are what he so eloquently expresses in his music, which comes from a deep spiritual source. Let us all discover in his music the lover of peace, and then let us all be lovers of peace and share his heart's aspiration for a better world."

Sue Natrass

*General Manager of the Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne,
Australia*

28 June 1995

"The Victorian Arts Centre stands as a symbol of the creativity of the human spirit. This creativity has its source in the peace found deep within our hearts in moments of quiet reflection. When we discover our own inner peace, we have the power to create peace in the world community. Sri Chinmoy is an international ambassador of peace who uses his creative ability to convey feelings of universal harmony and peace. His Peace Concerts have delighted audiences around the world."

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