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**A Tribute to Sri Chinmoy's  
80<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary**



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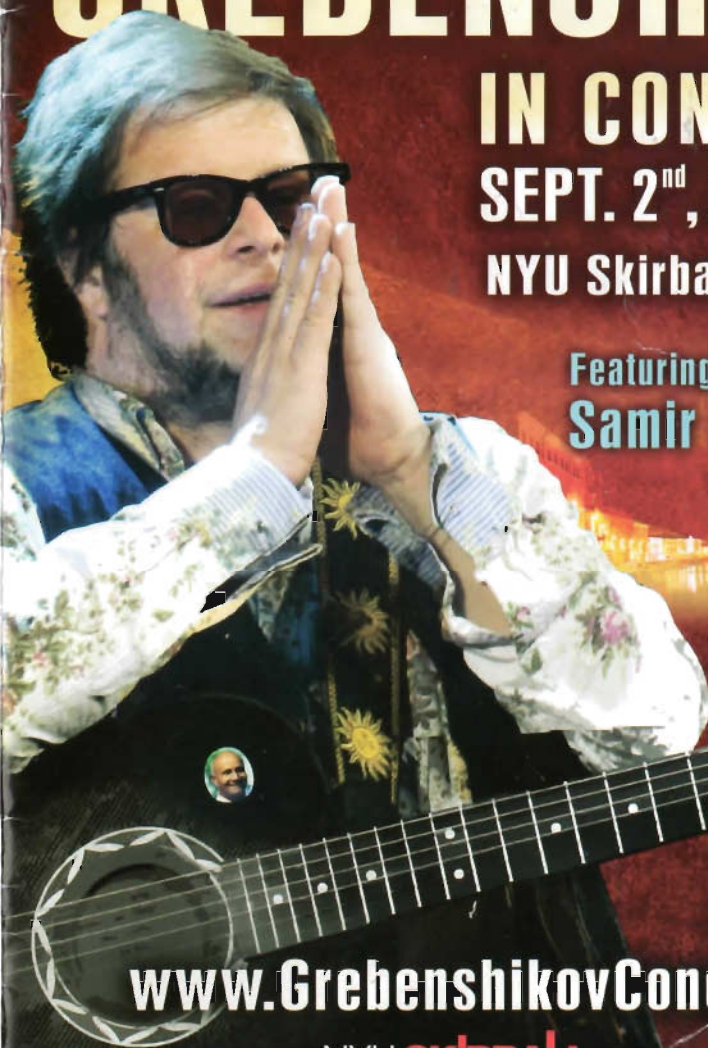
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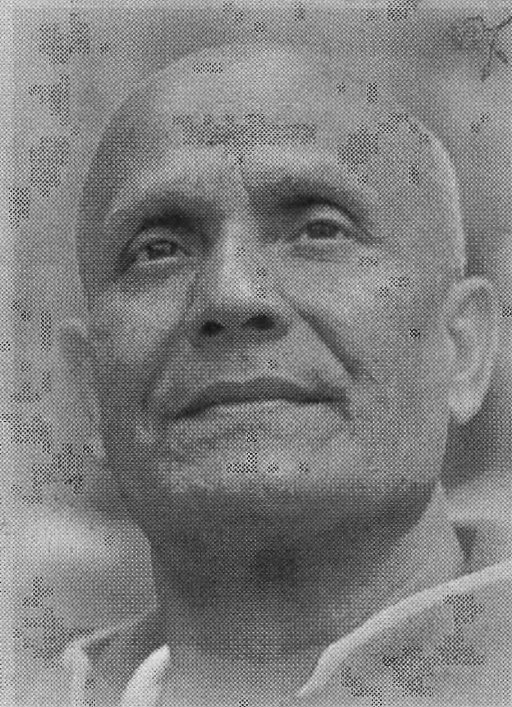
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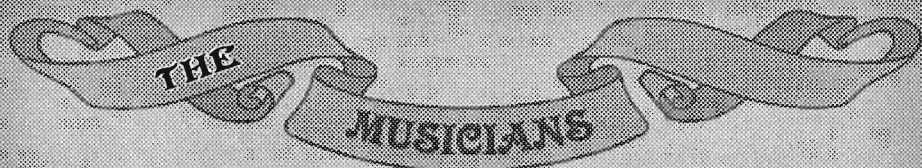
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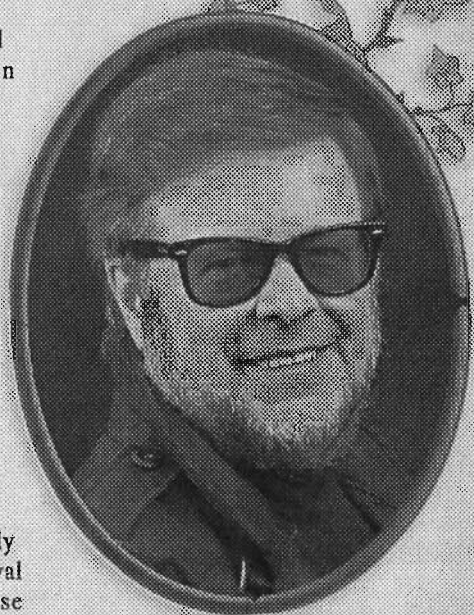
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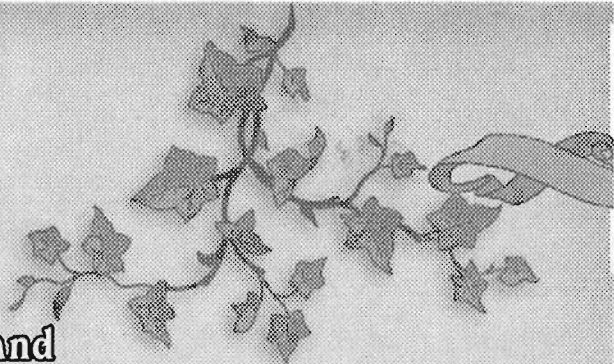
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To tire or look for peace and quiet;  
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Why you're standing alone on the edge of the Earth?  
Imbeciles-unbelievers tried cutting you down,  
But just blunted their swords and sadly went home.

Clear sun and moon never go down on you.  
All around your roots golden rivers do flow,  
And on the branch that's the highest, two magical birds  
Never close their eyes, guarding you as you grow.

One is named Eudundoxia and the other Snandulya,  
They've got feathers of pearl that turn azure at night.  
Their hearts are of stone, their tears—of iron;  
And their eyes, oh, those eyes with their ever-changing light.

I have read in a book: when the world becomes evil,  
When The Saw will be Empress, and Icepick—The King;  
They will get off their branch, they will rise into heaven  
And they'll take me and you safely under their wing.

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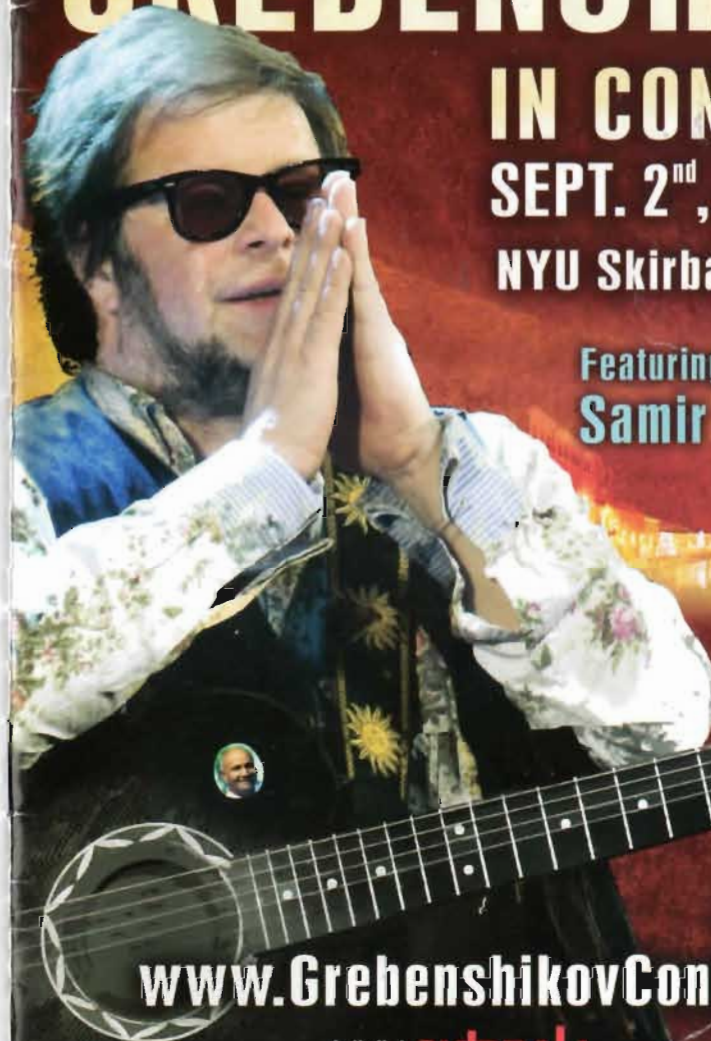
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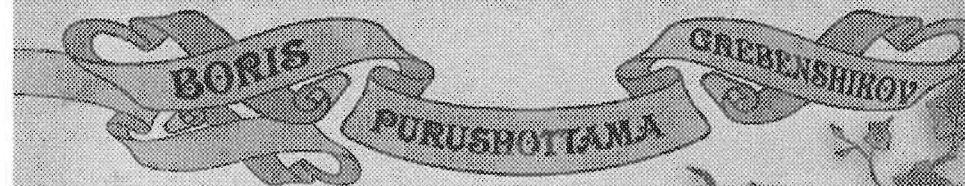
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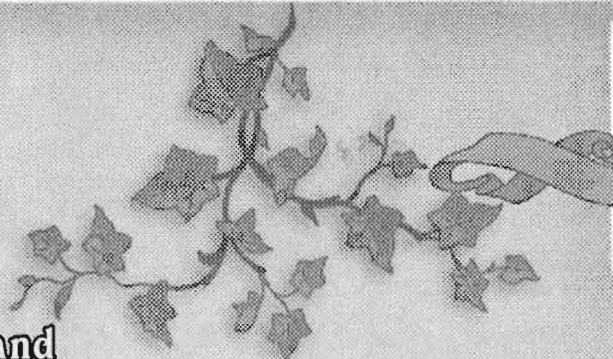
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