

In celebration of United Nations Day

Concert for Peace

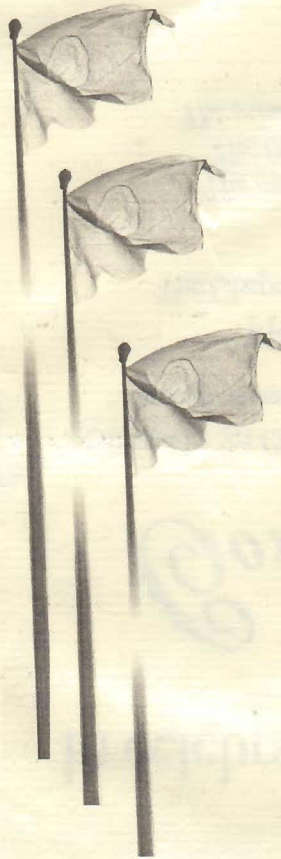
Offered by Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations
In cooperation with the United Nations SRC Music Appreciation Society

Friday, 14 October 2011, 1-2 p.m.
The Chapel of the Church Center for the United Nations

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The inner message of the United Nations is love.
The inmost message of the United Nations is oneness.*

—SRI CHINMOY





Peace
Is the indomitable response
To life's every challenge.

Every day you must
Prepare yourself to be
A better citizen of the world.

May the world-oneness-peace-dream
Of the United Nations
Every day bloom and blossom
In the heart of aspiring humanity.

Selected poems by Sri Chinmoy

Welcome to this afternoon's Concert for Peace celebrating United Nations Day 2011 – the 66th anniversary of the entry into force of the Organization's founding Charter.

The songs and poems offered during the concert are written by Sri Chinmoy, leader of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, who shared the message of peace and world oneness through a lifetime of creative endeavours in music, literature, art, sport and humanitarian service.

Sri Chinmoy embraced the goals of the United Nations. He said:

The Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are the true manifestations of humanity's spiritual values and inner oneness. In these lofty principles we find a divine code of ethics for our time and times to come.... The fulfilment of the United Nations ideals is an inevitability, but that hour will dawn only when humanity wholeheartedly and unreservedly accepts the message of the United Nations soul.

Sri Chinmoy believed that world peace begins with inner peace and that each individual's aspiration for peace brings humanity closer to this highest of goals. He deeply valued the aspiration of the audience during his worldwide peace concerts. In the same spirit, today's performers – members and friends of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations – warmly invite the audience to join in creating a moment of peace.

In 1970, Sri Chinmoy was invited by Secretary-General U Thant to conduct meditations for peace at UN Headquarters in New York. The Peace Meditation at the United Nations continues to meet weekly, drawing staff, delegates and UN affiliates together for an interlude of silent contemplation on the lofty ideals of the world body. The Group also hosts special events honouring Member States, significant occasions and individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the world family.



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