

ACTIVITIES OF SRI CHINMOY SINCE 1964

For the past 25 years Sri Chinmoy has offered a universal message that all of us can and should be united as a world-family in the pursuit of peace on our tiny planet.

His activities have touched people in all walks of life on six continents. This Silver Jubilee celebration on April 13, 1989, offers us a chance to acknowledge his important contributions to humanity.

World Peace

Since coming to America from his native India in 1964, Sri Chinmoy has brought us closer to understanding the role inner peace plays in the enrichment of our outer lives. He has travelled the world for discussions with world leaders and meditated on peace with noted world luminaries.

Literature

In 800 books of poetry, essays, stories and dramatic works, Sri Chinmoy's words have conveyed the richness and diversity of our quest for peace and self-understanding. His books, published by Harper & Row, Simon & Schuster, Herder and Herder, and others, continue to provide valuable spiritual insights for millions of readers.

Lectures

Sri Chinmoy has offered hundreds of talks with a wide range of themes that encompass personal enrichment and world peace. The lectures have been offered around the globe, at such distinguished universities as Oxford, Cambridge, the Sorbonne, and Harvard, and have been a part of invited lecture series and visiting lectureships.

Music

Music is a universal language, and Sri Chinmoy's music speaks directly to a wellspring of peace and tranquility within each of us. The composer of some 7,000 songs that explore the length and breadth of the human experience, Sri Chinmoy has performed his music for peace at hundreds of free concerts at the world's finest concert venues, including Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and London's Royal Albert Hall.

Art

Sri Chinmoy's Jharna-Kala, or Fountain Art, expresses peace through art with boundless colour, joy and delight. His 135,000 inspirational oil paintings, acrylics and ink drawings represent perhaps the world's single largest artistic outpouring by any individual. His paintings have been displayed at galleries in New York, San Juan, Zurich and Munich.

Athletic Pursuits

Sri Chinmoy encourages an active outer life as a complement to an inner life of peace. He has completed dozens of marathons, cycling events, and is an avid weightlifter and tennis player. The Sri Chinoy Marathon Team sponsors some 500 running, cycling and tennis events worldwide as a public service, including the world's longest race of 1300 miles.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES FOR PEACE

Sri Chinmoy has sponsored a number of events which have offered to many thousands heartfelt experiences of peace. His hope is that such experiences will help form a foundation for a fulfilling life of peace.

Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run

In the first Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run of 1987, runners from 49 nations passed a torch from hand to hand over a 27,000 mile route to foster peace and good will. Participants included heads of state, civic leaders, Olympic athletes and 20,000 peace-loving citizens. This summer, as part of Peace Run '89, an estimated 100,000 runners will carry the flaming peace torch. The spectacular relay run will take place in 70 countries along a 31,000 mile route.

The Peace Walk

Imagine, in pre-dawn stillness, in many nations on earth, people walking in silent invocation to Peace. Twice a year since 1983, United Nations delegates and staff have walked amidst the tranquil silence of the U.N. garden. They join with citizens in dozens of cities around the world each year on the International Day of Peace in a global walk for peace. A number of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates have heartily endorsed this event.

Lifting Up the World With a Oneness-Heart

A man's real strength is not simply the measure of his muscles, but lies in the vastness of his heart. Sri Chinmoy's lifting has become a unique means of honouring men and women of inspiration and expressing our shared appreciation for their contributions. Just as the most appreciated player of a team is raised up out of sincere joy and enthusiasm by his teammates, Sri Chinmoy has lifted with one arm from a special honorary platform outstanding leaders from all walks of life, including diplomats, politicians, religious figures, professors and athletes.

Seven Minutes of World Peace

Each year on October 24, United Nations Day, a simultaneous global observance of seven minutes of peaceful silence is held. People from more than 40 countries have participated, expressing their aspirations for peace in a manner that transcends cultural and language barriers.

Sri Chinmoy Peace Miles

As a means of promoting physical fitness and an international feeling of oneness, more than 55 communities worldwide have established Sri Chinmoy Peace Miles. These are precisely measured and marked courses for walking, jogging or running. Their beautiful settings in nature serve as living tributes to our common hopes for peace.

Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations

The United Nations is an outer symbol of humanity's intense cry for peace. For the past 19 years Sri Chinmoy has offered twice-weekly peace meditations and other programmes at U.N. Headquarters in New York City. The sponsoring association consists of U.N. delegates, staff, NGO representatives and accredited press correspondents. From their moments of silent reflection, the participants often find a renewed commitment to their deepest visions for peace. More recently, similar peace meditation sessions have been held at the United States Congress and the Pentagon.