

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, USA

and

**SRI CHINMOY SILVER JUBILEE
CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

have the pleasure of organizing

a unique function to honor

SRI CHINMOY

the Spiritual Luminary of India

on the occasion of the completion of

Twenty-Five Years of exemplary service

to the Indian Culture and the spiritual heritage in the West



GUEST OF HONOR:

*Rev. Donald S. Harrington, Sr. Minister Emeritus
Community Church of New York*

*April 21, 1989
The New York Penta Hotel
Grand Ballroom*



SRI CHINMOY

International Spiritual Luminary of the 20th Century



HONORARY MEMBERS AND PATRONS OF THE BHAVAN

Patrons of the Bhavan represent the ideals and principles of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and are accepted as the protectors and preservers of Bharatiya Vidya (wisdom and culture of India). Acclaimed persons of letters, spiritualism and great human values, and statesmen are given the prestigious position of being Honorary Patrons.

Since its inception in 1938, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan accorded its Honorary Membership to a number of distinguished personalities in India and abroad. Some of them are: C. Rajagopalachari, first Indian Governor General of India and the "Conscience Keeper" of Mahatma Gandhi; Dr. Rajendra Prasad, first President of India and his successor, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the world-famous Philosopher-Statesman. Also, two of the leading architects and builders of modern India - Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhai Patel. And distinguished Prime Ministers of Great Britain, Harold Macmillan and James Callaghan as also Gandhi's close friend and a Citizen of the World, Fenner Brockway, whom Indians look upon as "British" Gandhi. The latest addition to this list is the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles, who is Patron-in-Chief of the Bhavan in the United Kingdom.

The following are among the galaxy of Honorary Patrons of the Bhavan, USA: Robert McNamara, former Defense Secretary and President of the World Bank; Professor J. K. Galbraith, former United States Ambassador to India; the Rev. Donald S. Harrington, Sr. Minister Emeritus, Community Church of New York; Mr. Zubin Mehta, Conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and Acharya Sushilkumarji, reputed Jain Monk.

SRI CHINMOY SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

PROGRAM

INVOCATION	MRS. TULSI JAYARAMAN
MEDITATION	SRI CHINMOY
WELCOME	DR. P. JAYARAMAN
INTRODUCTION	SHAMBHU NEIL VINEBERG <i>Executive Director, Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run 89</i>
MUSIC	NARADA MICHAEL WALDEN <i>Grammy Award Winning Producer and Composer</i> ADDWITIYA ROBERTA FLACK <i>Recording Artist</i>
SPEECHES	MONSIGNOR TOM HARTMAN <i>Director of Television & Radio Shows</i> JOEL MARTIN <i>Author and Host of Radio & Television Shows</i> JOE FRANKLIN <i>Host, The Joe Franklin Show</i> DR. B. RAMAMOORTHY DR. H. K. CHANDRASEKHAR DR. SHASHI PATEL Prof. PARVEEN CHOPRA NARI POHANI DR. VIDAGDHA BENNETT <i>Presentation by New York Road Runners Club</i> DR. MOORHEAD KENNEDY <i>Author, Educator, Retired Diplomat, Former Hostage "WHO IS THIS MAN?" Produced by Sudakkha Shechter</i>
VIDEO	
MESSAGES	TRICHUR SHIVARAM REV. DONALD S. HARRINGTON will speak and bestow THE BHAVAN, USA's HONORARY PATRONSHIP on SRI CHINMOY Acknowledgement by SRI CHINMOY
VOTE OF THANKS	DR. DINKER RAI
SONGS	Vidya Bhavan, Sri Chinmoy I Dearly Love My India and America, Sri Chinmoy Bande Mataram, Mother I Bow to Thee, Sri Chinmoy America the Beautiful, Traditional

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, U.S.A.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, USA, a branch of the national and international organization, **BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN**, headquartered in Bombay, India which is dedicated to project, promote and enrich Indian heritage, culture, religions, philosophy, languages and literature in the United States. Its character is secular and its outlook international. Its ideal is "*Let Noble Thoughts Come To Us From Every Side*".

ORIGIN AND GROWTH: Founded in Bombay, India, from a small beginning, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan has grown into an international, intellectual, cultural and educational movement. True to its goal of revitalizing DHARMA or the Moral Law in its three-fold form of Truth, Love and Beauty, the Bhavan is ceaselessly striving to carry forward India's ageless message - Faith, Self-discipline and Dedication.

Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, the Bhavan was founded in 1938 by Dr. K. M. Munshi who was a practical idealist. Dr. Munshi, who was a lawyer, author and statesman, was above all, one who ceaselessly strove for cultural and spiritual regeneration.

During the past five decades of its life, the Bhavan has established itself as an organization in India with more than 30 branches which has 25 schools, colleges and other professional institutes. It now has more than 45 departments covering various aspects of the spiritual, ethical, educational, literary and intellectual life of India. More than 1200 publications of very high standard on different subjects - culture, arts, religion, etc., pertaining to India, brought out by the Bhavan, have created a great impact all over the world.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, USA is the second overseas branch of the Bhavan, India and was established in New York on October 2nd, Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, in 1981. The Bhavan, USA, has been trying to bridge the barriers between the old and the new generations in the Indian and the American communities through the preservation, study and dissemination of all aspects of the cultural heritage of India; and consequently, understanding between the two countries. It provides a focus and forum for the exchange of ideas and strives to create harmony and good-will.

EXCERPTS FROM MESSAGES RECEIVED BY SRI CHINMOY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SILVER JUBILEE

"I would like to express my heart's sincere respect for Sri Chinmoy who founded the Peace Meditations Group at the United Nations Headquarters in America and who has practised activities to enrich human love for 25 long years while aspiring for world peace and humanity's security, prosperity and peace."

- Noboru Takeshita, Prime Minister of Japan

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"From my perspective at the United Nations, I must express a special appreciation for Sri Chinmoy's 20 years of guiding the Peace Meditation Group at the U.N. The events and activities that the group organizes serve to remind the international community of the highest purposes of the gathering of nations — that of peace for all peoples. Amidst all of the intellectual debate and assemblages at the U.N., and occasionally at the same time that the settling of tense international situations is underway, two times a week, most weeks, Sri Chinmoy sits in silent meditation in one of the conference rooms at the United Nations Headquarters along with the Peace Meditation Group and anyone else of the U.N. community who would like to join them . . . The work of the United Nations is enhanced by his commitment to its highest success, and by his presence amid its deliberations."

- James P. Grant, Executive Director, UNICEF

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- Daniel P. Moynihan, United States Senator

"Your outstanding efforts to promote peace, both in this country and abroad, have earned you the admiration and respect of people all across our great planet."

- J. Bennett Johnston, United States Senator

"I believe that the single-minded and indefatigable pursuit of peace by the enlightened Sri Chinmoy deserves support from all of us who care for the survival and progress of our race."

- E. P. Fabian, Indian Ambassador to Finland

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"One needs inspiration in life, but we have not only to move horizontally but also vertically. We need to be in Heaven from time to time. . . Sri Chinmoy brings Heaven to me. His books are a very good introduction to a happy life. There is nothing more beautiful and more fruitful than making people sincerely happy."

- Emil Zatopek

"Sri Chinmoy has been working for us, on us, and in us for 25 years. Some of us are only now beginning to understand what this might mean. Surely all of us have felt the healing and inspiration of the Divine Person through our dear Guru's teachings, art and love."

- Thomas E. Ahlburn, Senior Minister, First Unitarian Church, Providence, RI





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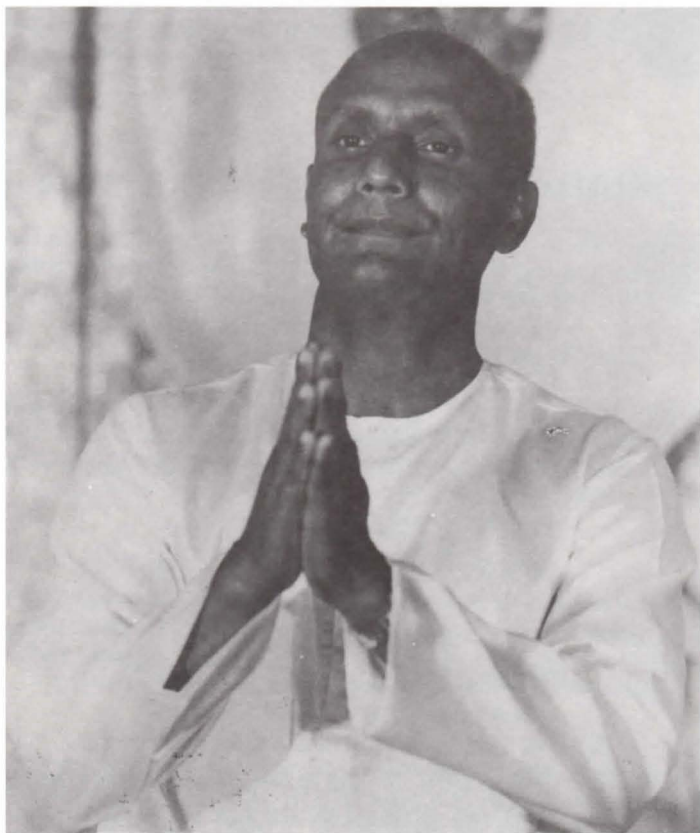
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"Sri Chinmoy teaches us so much: the importance of striving, of dedication and discipline. And now he reminds us of the role of celebration in our lives: of rejoicing as we thank God for the strength to achieve great things in His Name."

- Mario M. Cuomo, Governor of New York State

"You are a miraculous model of the abundance in the creative life that we lesser mortals seek."

- Maestro Leonard Bernstein

Friends of Sri Chinmoy

*Narada Michael Walden
Dr. Moorhead Kennedy
Clarence Clemons
Roberta Flack
Fred Lebow
Joe Franklin*

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REVERED SRI CHINMOY

In the name of the Universal Values for which Bharatiya Vidya (Indian Culture) stands, namely, **Satyam, Shivam and Sundaram** (Truth, Love and Beauty), expressed through **Shraddha, Samyama and Samarpana** (Faith, Self-Restraint and Dedication), and pledged to fostering the ideal of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam** (The World Is One Family),

We **hail** you as a *Karmayogi*, spreading tirelessly India's message of love, peace and harmony all over the world.

We **respect** you as a *Bhaktiyogi*, ever striving to help bring out the innate Divinity in man.

We **adore** you as a *Jnanayogi*, being an authentic commentator of the Brahma Sutras, the Upanishads and the Bhagavad Gita.

We **greet** you as a *Nadayogi*, embodying Indian aesthetics at its noblest, and elevating it to sublime spirituality.


As you complete 25 years of your pilgrimage in the West, the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, USA, confers on you its

HONORARY PATRONSHIP


Executive Secretary
& Director-General


Chairman,
Bhavan's U.S. Kendra


Chairman,
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President, Bharatiya
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