

MUSIC FOR PEACE



SRI CHINMOY'S  
50<sup>th</sup> Peace Concert

*In honour of the United Nations 50th Anniversary*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1995 • KAPLAN PENTHOUSE IN LINCOLN CENTER

# MEET THE ARTIST

**SRI CHINMOY** is a well-known composer, artist, poet, author and athlete whose activities pour forth from a seemingly inexhaustible source. In sports, in literature and in the arts, he is always challenging the limits of human capacity, drawing on the vast inner potential he believes is within us all.

Sri Chinmoy sees the United Nations as an instrument that will one day unite all humanity in oneness and harmony. For more than a quarter century he has served this vision by offering twice-

weekly peace meditations at U.N. Headquarters for delegates and staff.

This year, to mark the United Nations 50th Anniversary, Sri Chinmoy has expressed his abiding faith in the U.N. and what it represents by offering 50 Peace Concerts in various cities, inviting people around the world to join him in a musical celebration dedicated to global understanding. In this great pilgrimage of the spirit, he has travelled from Melbourne to Prague, from Geneva to San Francisco. He has performed in small halls holding no more than

a few hundred people and in stadiums filled with fifteen thousand. He has given short concerts involving just a few instruments, as well as a concert of 150 instruments lasting more than 14 hours. At each concert he has shared through music and meditation his heart's inmost longing for peace.

Tonight's performance is the last in this series of 50 concerts dedicated to the United Nations Golden Anniversary. It is a privilege to have you with us at this historic event.

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES **Mikhail Gorbachev**  
**Mother Teresa**  
**Yehudi Menuhin**

It is fortuitous that the United Nations has been giving increasing attention in its activities to the spiritual improvement of the human being, and Sri Chinmoy plays an enormous role in that noble work....I wish to express the hope that the music you are going to hear today will strengthen your confidence that life and the world in which we live are still beautiful and that we are duty-bound to do all we can to make them even better.

—**Mikhail Gorbachev**

May God's Blessings be upon Sri Chinmoy and all those gathered as he plays his instruments and offers his prayers to God. He is giving us such a wonderful opportunity in this way to serve God and all the people of the world.

—**Mother Teresa**

All my best wishes for December 8. May you long continue to be one always ready to inspire his fellow man.

—**Yehudi Menuhin**



**O** my United Nations!  
Quick and slow, young and old,  
Fifty years you are.

Fifty million dreams—

Sweet, sweeter, sweetest,

Pure, purer, purest,

Deep, deeper, deepest,

High, higher, highest—

You treasure.

But only one dream

You needs must fulfil:

Your world-justice-peace-dream-tree

Must blossom into world-reality-flowers and fruits.

God gave you His Infinity's Dream: Peace.

Can you not give Him your divinely

And supremely fulfilled reality: bliss?

  
**ONE WORLD**

  
**ONE DREAM**

**ONE REALITY**



*Song composed by Sri Chinmoy in honour of the United Nations fiftieth anniversary*