

Tibetan Sacred Art Tour – 2009

Gaden Jangtse Monks



Developed over centuries, with wisdom passed from Master to student for generations, Tibetan sacred arts include intricate mandalas formed from grains of brightly coloured sand, delicate sculptures crafted from butter, deeply resonant monastic chanting, and graceful ritual dances.

The skill and understanding of how to create these works has been carried across the Himalayas from Tibet to India by Tibetan refugees.

In the fall of 2009, five monks from Gaden Jangtse Monastery, South India, will tour British Columbia sharing their beautiful craft in the Vancouver area, the Sunshine Coast, and Vancouver Island.

The tour is sponsored by Tsengdok Monastery in Vancouver. All proceeds will be used to provide food, medical care, and education for monks at Gaden Jangtse Monastery, many of whom are recent refugees from Tibet.

The Gaden Jangtse monks are delighted to share their appreciation for the arts and for the sacred with the people of British Columbia.

All are welcome to join the experience.

Vancouver Area Events:

Sept 5 to 7 – Tibetan Culture and Art Promotion
Taiwan Cultural Festival, Plaza of Nations, 10:30 am- 10 pm
<http://www.taiwanfest.ca/events/2009-taiwan-fest/vancouver/info>

Sept 22 to 25 – Chanting & Meditation; Performance of Monastic Dance
Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall Street
www.vancouverchinesegarden.com

Nov 8 to Nov 15 – Creation of Sand Mandala and Butter Sculpture
Museum of Anthropology, UBC
<http://www.moa.ubc.ca/programs/index.php>

Nov 20 to 23 – Creation of Sand Mandala, Monastic dance,
Music and Chanting
Seymour Art Gallery, 4360 Gallant Ave, North Vancouver
<http://www.seymourartgallery.com>

Nov 30 to Dec 3 - Creation of Sand Mandala; Performance of
Monastic Dance, Music, and Chanting
St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church, 1022 Nelson St., Vancouver
<http://www.standrewswesleychurch.bc.ca/>

Sunshine Coast Events:

For more information on Sunshine Coast events, contact: centre@spiritdance.net
www.spiritdance.net/centre/index.html

Sept 13th to 19th – Creation of Sand Mandala
United Church, Davis Bay

Sept 20 – monastic dances (Cham), music, and chanting
Heritage Playhouse, Gibsons, 7:30pm

Vancouver Island Events:

Oct 3 to Oct 25 – Creation of Sand Mandala, Butter Sculptures, and Performance of
Monastic dance (Cham), Music, and Chanting

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, 1040 Moss Street, Victoria
<http://aggv.bc.ca/>

Oct 27 to Nov 4 - Creation of Sand Mandala, Butter Sculptures, and Performance of
monastic dance (Cham), music, and chanting
Campbell River Art Gallery, 1235 Shoopers Row, Campbell River
<http://www.craftgallery.ca/>