



WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

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United Nations

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The Paramount
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN*

7TH AVE. AT 32ND STREET, NYC

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1995; 7:00 P.M.



Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, USA
Institute of Indian Culture
New York



SRI CHINMOY

Sri Chinmoy is a spiritual master striving to create peace throughout the world and has been widely recognized as the Twentieth Century's First Global Man by leaders from all walks of life. For over 28 years, he has tirelessly endeavored to foster the growth of inner peace through literature, music, arts, lectures, athletics, meetings with world luminaries and meditation.

Born in Bengal in 1931, Sri Chinmoy spent the early years of his life in South India immersed in studying spiritual disciplines and the humanities, and excelled in several sports. He came to the United States in 1964 and since then has established over 100 meditation centers in all parts of the world. He leads an active life, demonstrating vividly that spirituality is not an escape from the world, but a powerful means of self-transformation and world-improvement.

Sri Chinmoy has offered hundreds of Peace Concerts all over the world. He has been conducting twice-weekly meditation sessions for world peace at the United Nations.

Sri Chinmoy has also met with heads of states including Mikhail S. Gorbachev of the Soviet Union, and religious leaders, such as Pope John Paul II in moments of shared peace.

A recipient of numerous prestigious awards including the title of Dharma Raja (King of Dharma) and the Fountain of Universal Peace Award from the International Association of Educators for World Peace (NGO at the United Nations), as well as the Albert Einstein Peace Award and Nehru Peace Award, Sri Chinmoy has received several Honorary Degrees from various Universities, United Nations and other cultural, educational and spiritual organizations in recognition of his work for peace and human understanding. They include Honorary Degrees of Doctor of Philosophy and Culture from Donetsk University, Donetsk, Ukraine, Doctor of Philosophy in International Relations from St. Petersburg State University of Education, Doctor of Philosophy from the Institute of Slavic Culture, Moscow, Doctor of Philosophy from Dwijendra University, Bali, Indonesia and the Bhavan, USA's Honorary Patronship and the Honorary Membership of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, India.

The Bhavan honored Sri Chinmoy with Mahatma Gandhi Universal Harmony Award in 1994 along with Mrs. Coretta Scott King during the 125th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Mahatma Gandhi.

Sri Chinmoy is a Karma Yogi spreading tirelessly India's message of love, peace and harmony everywhere. He is a Bhakti Yogi ever striving to help bring out the innate Divinity in man. He is also a Jnana Yogi being an authentic commentator of the Upanishads, Brahmasutras and the Bhagavad Gita. He is a Nada Yogi too who embodies Indian aesthetics at its noblest and elevates it to sublime spirituality.

Sri Chinmoy is a synonym for Universal Harmony, Understanding and Peace.

The plaque being presented to the United Nations reads as follows:

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN

Institute of Indian Culture

Hails the UNITED NATIONS in the universal language of music through its World Music Festival at The Paramount, Madison Square Garden, New York, on Friday, August 25, 1995, when musical celebrities from different nations will tender homage and sing in a spirit of peace, love and mutual esteem.

We prayerfully present this Tamrapatra (plaque) on behalf of India to the UNITED NATIONS on the historic occasion of its fiftieth anniversary as a token of our appreciation of its tireless work to foster Universal Harmony and Peace - **Vishwa Shanti**.

Robert F. Goheen
Chairman
Bhavan, USA

C. Subramaniam
President
Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan

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