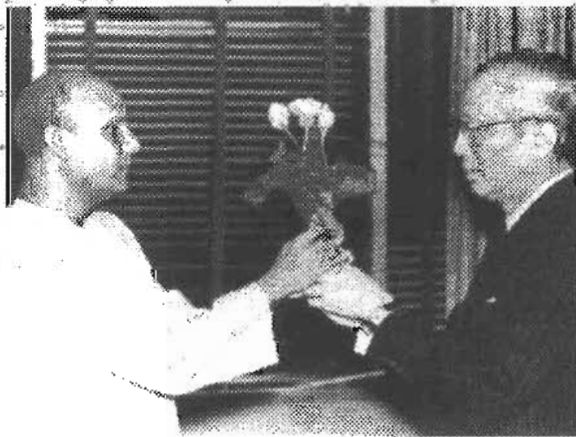


# Moments of Peace with the UN



**U THANT**  
**Third UN Secretary-General**

Whoever speaks to me about you is all appreciation and admiration; and I personally feel that you have been doing a most significant task for the United Nations. Please feel my sincere respect and sincere concern for what you are doing for mankind.

*[29 Feb 1972]*



**KURT WALDHEIM**  
**Fourth UN Secretary-General**

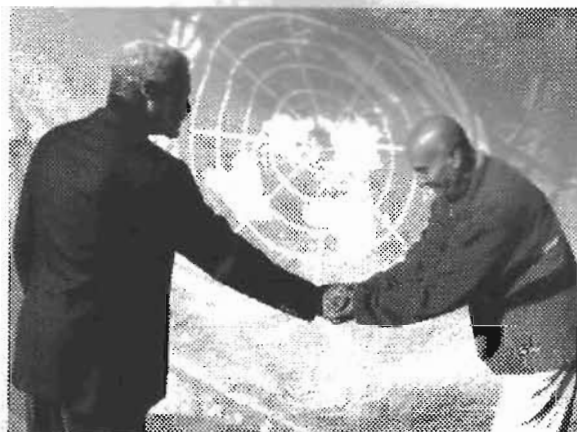
We want only peace, peace. You are praying for peace. I know what you and the group are doing for us. *[16 Jul 1976]*

# Secretaries-General



**JAVIER PÉREZ DE CUÉLLAR**  
Fifth UN Secretary-General

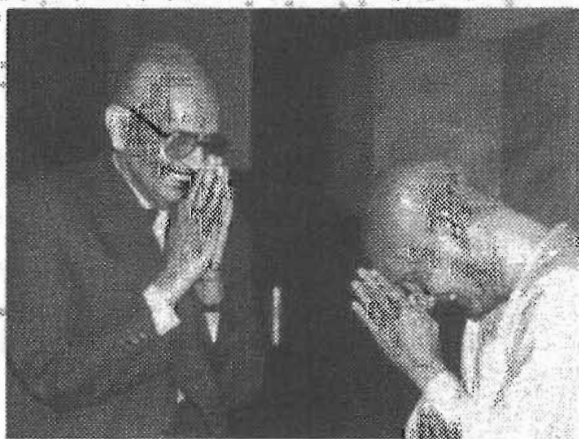
In your meditation you see beyond the superficial distinctions of race, sex, language or religion, as the Charter encourages us to do. You concentrate on the truths and the ideals which unite all mankind: the longing for **peace**, the need for **compassion**, the search for **tolerance and understanding** among **men and women** of all **nations**. [13 Jan 1983]



**KOFI ANNAN**  
Seventh UN Secretary-General

I am pleased to join the many friends and well-wishers from around the world who have conveyed to you their birthday greetings as you enter your 70th year. Let me also take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your 30 years of dedication to the United Nations. Through your prayers, meditations, concerts and global Peace Run, your work has linked peace-lovers in more than 100 countries and complemented that of the world Organization. I encourage you to continue in this creative and dynamic service. [22 Sep 2000]

# Friends of The Peace Meditation



**C.V. NARASIMHAN**  
**UN Under-Secretary-General**  
**(1956-78)**  
**Chef de Cabinet to three**  
**Secretaries-General**

We have been very fortunate in the United Nations to have in our midst a man of peace like Sri Chinmoy for almost a quarter of a century now. This man is one of the most remarkable human beings I have ever met.

*[6 Dec 1993]*



**VLADIMIR F. PETROVSKY**  
**Director-General**  
**UN Office at Geneva**  
**Former Deputy Foreign**  
**Minister of the Soviet Union**

I admire you very much, Sri Chinmoy. What I admire very much in your case are your relentless efforts to achieve the goal of peace. For me, you and your Group are like the United Nations, a miniature United Nations. *[5 Oct 1995]*

# n at the UN



**JAMES P. GRANT**  
Executive Director of UNICEF  
(1980-95)

Sri Chinmoy reminds us of the powerful strength of the heart's simplicity and of our capacity to achieve great things for a higher purpose. The work of the United Nations is enhanced by his commitment to its highest success and by his presence amid its deliberations. [21 Apr 1989]  
I am appreciative of receiving this U Thant Peace Award from such treasured hands [Sri Chinmoy s] and from such a treasured group. [20 Sep 1994]



**MAURICE F. STRONG**  
Special Advisor to the UN  
Secretary-General (since 1998)

I am overwhelmed to receive the honour that bears the name of U Thant, and to receive it from the hands of Sri Chinmoy, who has been for so many years the custodian and guardian of the spiritual roots of the United Nations. That combination makes this the greatest honour I could possibly imagine. [2 May 1996]



# Friends of The Peace Meditator



**ANWARUL CHOWDHURY**  
Permanent Representative of  
Bangladesh to the United Nations  
(since 1996)

We deeply value the substance Sri Chinmoy brings into our efforts to achieve peace. He does it by addressing the self through spirituality, devotion and meditation, and he does so not in isolation, nor by disengaging from the world, but by getting involved and bringing together people from all walks of life. [23 Nov 1999]

**THIS PICTURE** replace - woman on left is prime minister of bangladesh - or feature her elsewhere - luminaries?



**ZENON ROSSIDES**  
Permanent Representative of  
Cyprus to the United Nations

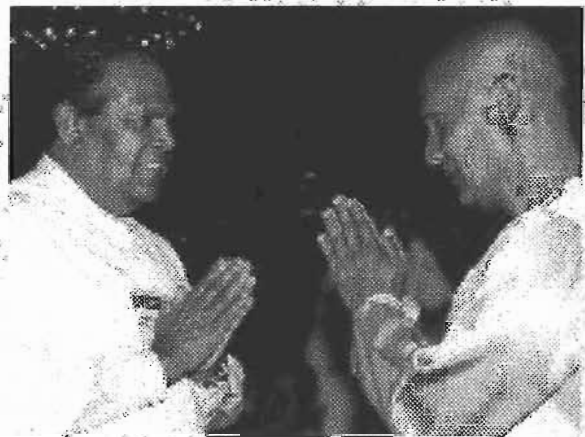
Work for the spirit of man is a great asset to humanity, and I want to praise Sri Chinmoy for what he is doing. His work is far more important than all the conferences in the United Nations. It is far more important than all the declarations of the United Nations, for it glorifies man and the higher ideas and larger ideals that are so necessary today. [7 Oct 1982]

# ion at the UN



**JORGE E. ILLUECA**  
President of the 38th Session  
of the UN General Assembly  
President of Panama (1984)

It is our duty as individuals who have higher aspirations to lead the way by achieving a spiritual awareness. We are blessed with the splendid example of Sri Chinmoy. He is an ambassador of peace whom all peoples can claim as their own. His very presence brings to us in the United Nations new possibilities, new ideas and new hopes. [3 Dec 1983]



**ANANDA W.P. GURUGE**  
Sr. Special Advisor,  
Culture of Peace Programme,  
UNESCO (1995-99)  
Ambassador of Sri Lanka  
to the United States (1992-94)

Here we have a man for whom the entire world is his home. The entire humanity is his family. The peace of the world and the peace within each one of us is his greatest ambition, his aspiration. Every moment of his life is devoted for our sake. [30 May 1997]



# U Thant Peace Award

Since 1982, Guru has presented the U Thant Peace Award on behalf of Sri Chirmoy. The Peace Meditation at the United Nations to individuals and organisations who, in exemplifying the lofty spiritual ideals of the late UN Secretary-General, have offered distinguished service toward the attainment of world peace. Recipients include Pope John Paul II, President Mikhail Gorbachev, President Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa and UNICEF Executive Director James Grant.

ZENON ROSSIDES, *Ambassador of Cyprus to the UN* [7 October 1982]

JORGE E. ILLUECA, *President of Panama, President of the Thirty-eighth Session of the United Nations General Assembly* [3 December 1983]

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, [19 March 1985], *received on behalf of UNDP by Uner Kirdar, Director of Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat, Bradford Morse, Administrator of UNDP, gave statement on 21 March 1985*

AMRITANANDA RUSSELL BARBER, *WNBC-TV Religion Editor, Emmy Award Winner* [6 November 1986]

PIR VILAYAT INAYAT KHAN, *Head of the Sufi Order in the West* [5 April 1991]

LAKHAN MEHROTRA, *Secretary of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs* [22 September 1991]

GUIDO DE MARCO, *President of the Forty-fifth Session of the United Nations General Assembly, Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Malta* [28 September 1991]

SIDDHARTHA SHANKAR RAY, *Ambassador of India to the United States* [8 August 1993]

C. SUBRAMANIAM, *President of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan* [12 September 1993]

JAMES P. GRANT, *UNICEF Executive Director* [20 September 1994]

MOTHER TERESA, *Nobel Peace Laureate, 1979* [1 October 1994]

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, *President of the Soviet Union, (1985-91); Nobel Peace Laureate, 1990* [16 October 1994]

LAXMI MAIL SINGHVI, *High Commissioner for India to the United Kingdom* [13 May 1995]

RAFAEL HERNANDEZ COLÓN, *Governor of Puerto Rico (1972-76, 1984-92)* [8 September 1995]

ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU, *Head of the Anglican Church in South Africa, Archbishop of Cape Town, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1984* [20 December 1995]

ROBERT GABRIEL MUGABE, *President of Zimbabwe* [1 January 1996]

NELSON MANDELA, *President of South Africa, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1993* [29 January 1996]

MAURICE STRONG, *Senior Advisor to the President of the World Bank, Secretary-General of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio Earth Summit)* [2 May 1996]

C.V. NARASIMHAN, *Former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations (1956-78), Chef de Cabinet to three Secretaries-General* [10 September 1996]

# Award

U Thant's daughter, Aye Aye Thant, recently thanked Guru for presenting the Award in her father's memory for nearly two decades, writing: "I am deeply grateful to you for establishing the Award and having honoured the distinguished and outstanding advocates for peace and humanity... My father would have been so pleased..." A partial listing of recipients in chronological order follows (titles were current at time of award presentation):

- ANANDA GURUGE, *Former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to UNESCO, France and the US, Senior Special Advisor, Culture of Peace Programme, UNESCO (1995-1999)* [3 January 1997]
- VLADIMIR PETROVSKY, *Director-General of the United Nations Office in Geneva* [17 March 1997]
- SUDHAHOTA CARL LEWIS, *legendary Olympic athlete* [7 May 1997]
- HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA [28 May 1997]
- I.K. GUJRAL, **PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA** [21 September 1997]
- DADA J.P. VASWANI, *Spiritual Head of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission* [5 April 1998]
- POPE JOHN PAUL II [17 May 1998]
- CLAIBORNE DEBORDA PELL, *US Senator, Rhode Island* [15 November 1998]
- KING TUANKU JA'AFAR OF MALAYSIA [30 December 1998]
- MAHATHIR MOHAMMED, *Prime Minister of Malaysia* [4 January 1999]
- GIRIJA PRASAD KOIRALA, *Prime Minister of Nepal* [1 February 1999]
- KRISHNA PRASAD BHATTARAI, *Prime Minister of Nepal* [29 September 1999]
- TED TURNER, *Founder of CNN, Time Warner Vice Chairman and Chairman of the United Nations Foundation* [6 October 1999]
- ANWARUL KARIM CHOWDHURY, *Ambassador of Bangladesh to the United Nations* [23 November 1999]
- SVENN KRISTIANSEN, *Deputy Mayor of Oslo, Norway* [27 March 2000]
- HUMAYUN RASHEED CHAUDHURY, *President of the Forty-first Session of the United Nations General Assembly and Foreign Minister of Bangladesh; Speaker, Bangladesh Parliament* [8 May 2000]
- GARY ACKERMAN, *United States Congressman from New York* [15 June 2000]
- SATGURU SIVAYA SUBRAMUNTIASWAMI, *Founder and publisher of Hinduism Today magazine and international Hindu leader* [25 August 2000]
- ATAL BIHARI VAJPAIEE, *Prime Minister of India* [13 January 2001]
- THE VERY REVEREND JAMES PARKS MORTON, *President, The Interfaith Center of New York, and Dean Emeritus, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine* [31 July 2001]

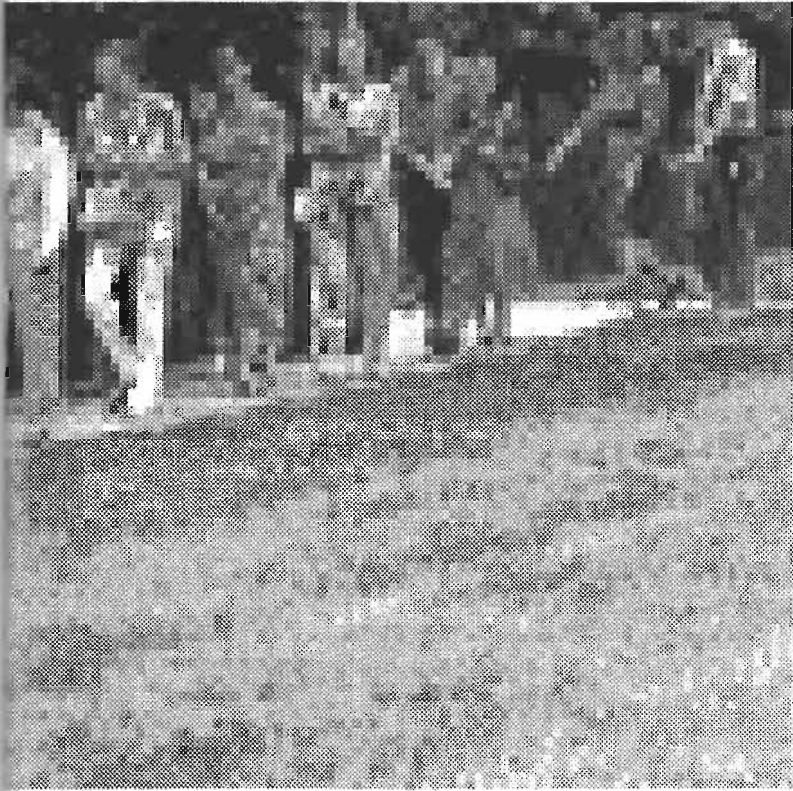




*Peace Walk in the UN Garden. The Preamble of the UN Charter is carried in a nation-by-nation*

**S**ri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations sponsors an ongoing series of special events in support of the goals of the UN. These events include:

- Peace Concerts upon the occasion of the anniversary of the Peace Meditation group (*14 April*) and in honour of each session of the UN General Assembly (fall);
- Programmes honouring the contributions of Member States and important world figures;
- Peace Walks commemorating UN Charter Day (*26 June*) and UN Day (*24 October*);
- An interfaith prayer breakfast on the opening day of the General Assembly (September);
- Seven Minutes of World Peace, a simultaneous global observance of silence in support of UN Day (*24 October*);
- An 18-mile group run from the site of the former UN headquarters in Lake Success, New York to the current headquarters in Manhattan;
- Concerts by the Sri Chinmoy Bhajan Singers to welcome Spring (*in April*) and in honour of the opening of the upcoming session of the UN General Assembly (in August);
- Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart programmes to honour members of the UN community;
- Weekly classes in yoga and meditation taught by members of the Meditation Group.



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Guru has also been invited to offer a moment of silence for peace at various programmes dedicated to the UN, including:

- Annual Interfaith Celebration of Commitment to the Work of the UN, with the Secretary-General as guest of honour;
- Classical music concert held each year in honour of the UN General Assembly, with performances by members of the New York Philharmonic and others;
- Opening ceremony of the annual International Friendship Run, held at the UN for 10,000 international runners, in conjunction with the NYC Marathon.

*itation at the United Nations*



**O**ur friendship with Mr. C.V. Narasimhan spans more than three decades, since the inception of the Peace Meditation group in 1970, when he was Chef de Cabinet to Secretary-General U Thant. His tribute to Guru was sent from his home in Madras, India on 24 August 2001 to celebrate Guru's 70th birthday on 27 August.

*"The Reverend Sri Chinmoy is a many-splendoured personality — Mystic and Musician, Scholar and Strongman. Under his inspiration, the Meditation Group at the UN has become a powerful moral force within the United Nations. It helps its participants to find inner peace, while the UN works for peace at the international level. It is difficult to believe that Rev. Sri Chinmoy is seventy: He looks much the same as when I met him decades ago. On this special day I invoke the blessings of the Almighty, to bestow on Rev. Sri Chinmoy continued good health and long life in the service of humanity."*

**C.V. NARASIMHAN**

**UN Under-Secretary-General (1956-78)  
Chef de Cabinet to three Secretaries-General**

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Chinmoy

- Inauguration of Sri Chinmoy: The Peace Meditation at the United Nations (14 April 1970)
- First issue of Meditation at the United Nations magazine (27 January 1973)
- Premiere of Sri Chinmoy's play about the life of the Buddha, with U Thant as special guest of honour (25 May 1973)
- Interfaith observance of the National Day of Prayer (24 July 1975)
- Sri Chinmoy led the opening meditation at a Spiritual Summit Conference at the UN (24 October 1975)
- First reception for the UN community at a Jharna-Kala Gallery in New York's Soho art district (30 April 1976)
- Sri Chinmoy attended the People's Prayer Service at US President Jimmy Carter's Inauguration. Members of the Peace Meditation at the UN served as ushers for the event (20 January 1977)
- First concert by Sri Chinmoy for the UN community, with a performance on the Indian esraj (22 July 1977)
- Dedication ceremony on U Thant Island, with U Thant's family as guests of honour (16 September 1977)
- Concert at Carnegie Hall, with members of the UN community as special guests (18 October 1977)
- UN reception for international marathon runners, Sri Chinmoy and the Peace Meditation group invited by United Nations Association-USA and the New York Road Runners Club to open the programme with meditation and music (22 October 1977)
- Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, as special guest speaker (29 November 1977)
- Meeting with Mr. Muhammad Ali, who was honoured by UN officials at a reception (30 January 1979)
- Reception in honour of the UN International Year of the Child (IYC). The Ambassador of India presented a painting by Sri Chinmoy to Assistant Secretary-General Estefania Aldaba-Lim, Special Representative for the IYC project (27 March 1979)
- Special emergency prayer service for the Iranian hostage crisis, in conjunction with the International Day of Thanksgiving, and talk on meditation in the Islamic religion (16 November 1979)
- Presentation of the Peace Meditation group's Human Rights Award to Dr. Salim A. Salim, President of the 34th Session of the General Assembly (10 December 1979)
- Lecture on the role of the United Nations at the US State Department's Open Forum (6 June 1980)
- Presentation of the Peace Meditation group's Human Rights Award to Mr. Rudiger von Wechmar, President of the 35th Session of the General Assembly (9 January 1981)
- First series of one-mile peace runs for the UN community held in the UN Garden (2-3 April 1981)
- Ceremony in which Sri Chinmoy was awarded a national decoration of Panama, the Order of

- Balboa, by Foreign Minister Jorge Illueca, on behalf of President Royo of Panama (20 August 1981)
- Prayer service for President Anwar El-Sadat of Egypt (6 October 1981)
- Concert and luncheon for women in the international community, with guest speaker Ms. Margaret Y. Catley-Carlson, Deputy Executive Director (Operations) of UNICEF (21 June 1982)
- First U Thant Peace Award presented to Ambassador Zenon Rossides of Cyprus (7 October 1982)
- Presentation by Dr. Robert Muller, UN Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, of his book *New Genesis to Sri Chinmoy* (4 February 1983)
- First Peace Walk in honour of UN Charter Day held in the UN Garden, co-sponsored by 10 Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives, with participation by several hundred delegates and staff from over 70 countries (24 and 25 June 1983)
- Performance at UN Headquarters of *The Son*, a play by Sri Chinmoy about the life of Christ, performed by the Kettledrum Theatre Company of London (16 August 1983)
- Performance by the Song-Waves international choir of the *Hiroshima/Nagasaki Cantata*, a work by French composer Mt. Haridas Greif based on Sri Chinmoy's music (13 September 1983)
- First UN Day balloon release, presided over by the President of the General Assembly, Dr. Jorge Illueca (28 October 1983)
- Programme to honour India's Ambassador to Argentina, Dr. L.L. Mehrotra (16 May 1984)
- Performance of the play *The Sacred Fire*, Sri Chinmoy's dramatic tribute to the history and spirit of America (21 June 1984)
- First observance of Seven Minutes for World Peace at UN Headquarters and around the world (24 October 1984)
- First 18-mile commemorative relay run from the site of the first UN Headquarters at Lake Success, Long Island, to New York headquarters in Manhattan: Peace Run for the United Nations 40th Anniversary (23 June 1985)
- Tennis tournament for delegates wives (3 August 1985)
- Peace Concert dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the UN, held at Lincoln Center in Avery Fischer Hall (28 October 1985)
- First Peace Concert held in the UN General Assembly Lobby, dedicated to the International Year of Peace (8 December 1985)
- First seven-mile Peace Walk in honour of the UN International Day of Peace, starting and finishing at UN Headquarters, held in conjunction with Peace Walks in over 50 cities around the world (16 September 1986)
- First Interdenominational Prayer Breakfast for the International Day of Peace (16 September 1986)

- Programme in honour of Mr. Humayun Rasheed Choudhury, President of the 41st session of the General Assembly and Foreign Minister of Bangladesh (31 October 1986)
- Opening ceremony of the first Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, with participation of several UN Ambassadors, held at the World Trade Center in New York (27 April 1987)
- Final ceremony of the first Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, with UN Ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, held on the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (8 August 1987)
- Participation in the first commemorative march and annual ceremony in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, starting at UN Headquarters and ending at the Gandhi statue in Union Square (2 October 1987)
- First Sri Chinmoy Tennis Classic tournament for the UN community (30 April 1988)
- First Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart programme held at UN Headquarters in honour of the International Day of Peace (20 September 1988)
- Peace Walk in honour of UN Day, held in the UN Garden, with a special closing ceremony, Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart (20-24 October 1988)
- Concert celebrating the 19th anniversary of the Peace Meditation at the United Nations, with guest performer Ms. Addwitiya Roberta Flack (17 April 1989)
- Concert for peace with special performers Ms. Addwitiya Roberta Flack, Mr. Narada Michael Walden and Sri Chinmoy (28 August 1989)
- First presentation of gifts of flowers individually to staff members as they entered Headquarters on UN Day (24 October 1989)
- First concert by the Sri Chinmoy Bhajan Singers at UN Headquarters, held in honour of the Festival of Diwali (28 November 1989)
- Tribute to Mr. Trygve Lie, the first Secretary-General, with his daughter, Ms. Guri Lie, as guest speaker (9 March 1990)
- Memorial tribute in honour of Maestro Leonard Bernstein (6 November 1990)
- Meeting with Dr. Guido de Marco, the President of the 45th Session of the General Assembly (7 December 1990)
- First piano concert by Sri Chinmoy at the UN, marking the 21st anniversary of the Peace Meditation group (24 April 1991)
- Dinner and reception in honour of Sri Chinmoy's 60th birthday, with remarks by Olympic legend Mr. Sudhahota Carl Lewis as well as by distinguished guests from the UN community (11 September 1991)
- Celebration of the release of a bilingual Hindi and English volume entitled Poems of Sri Chinmoy, hosted by the UNSRC Society of Writers (19 November 1991)

- Sri Chinmoy offered the opening dedication at an Interfaith Programme to commemorate the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary held at the UN, with special guests: The Honourable Mario M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, and his wife, Matilda (29 January 1992)
- Meeting with Mr. Maurice Strong, Secretary-General of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio Earth Summit), and his wife, Hanne (25 February 1992)
- Dinner and programme to welcome Mr. Vladimir Petrovsky, on the occasion of his appointment as UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, and his wife, Mira (17 March 1992)
- Reception for UN delegates and staff at the Jharna-Kala Art Gallery in Manhattan displaying Sri Chinmoy's Paintings for Peace (7 May 1992)
- Reception at the Jharna-Kala Art Gallery for Mrs. Raisa Maximovna Gorbachev and her daughter, Irina, with special guests from the UN community (12 May 1992)
- Concert by a Siberian Children's Choir from Omsk, performing traditional Russian folk songs and spiritual music composed by Sri Chinmoy; also with music by the London-based music ensemble Temple-Song-Hearts, drawing on their repertoire from a 1991 good-will tour of Russia and the Ukraine (3 September 1992)
- First Sri Chinmoy Peace Race for the United Nations: Two-mile races held in over 140 cities around the globe to promote United Nations Day (October 1992)
- Programme in honour of Princess Marianne and Prince Sigvard Bernadotte of Sweden, held in conjunction with an art exhibit at the UN of the Prince's works (2 March 1993)
- Poetry reading by Sri Chinmoy, followed by a presentation by Mr. Hans Janitschek, President of the UNSRC Society of Writers, to Sri Chinmoy of the Society's Award of Excellence (30 March 1993)
- First Sri Chinmoy Tennis Classic for the diplomatic community, with participation by several UN Ambassadors (19 June 1993)
- Sri Chinmoy offered the opening prayer at an interfaith service held at the Islamic Center of New York organised by Father Luis M. Dolan in honour of the opening of the 48th Session of the UN General Assembly (21 September 1993)
- U Thant Peace Award presented to Mr. James Grant, Executive Director of UNICEF (20 September 1994)
- U Thant Peace Award presented to Mother Teresa, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1979 (1 October 1994)
- U Thant Peace Award presented to President Mikhail Gorbachev, Nobel Peace Laureate, 1990, and President of the Soviet Union, 1985-1991 (16 October 1994)
- Programme in honour and celebration of the life of Mr. Fred Lebow, international figure in the running world for 25 years and President of the New York Road Runners Club (18 October 1994)
- The first in a series of 50 Peace Concerts offered by Sri Chinmoy throughout the world in 1995 to

commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations was held in Yangon, Myanmar, the birthplace of the third UN Secretary-General, U Thant (5 January 1995)

- > Peace Concert by Sri Chinmoy, with a performance on 50 instruments in honour of the 50th Anniversary of the UN, held in the General Assembly Lobby, co-sponsored by 9 Ambassadors (23 May 1995)
- > Publication of Oneness-World Peace-Blossoms, a commemorative book of statements and tributes from the international community on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Peace Meditation group (May 1995)
- > Sri Chinmoy gave the opening dedication at a classical music celebration in honour of the opening of the 50th Session of the UN General Assembly, hosted by Ambassador Istvan Nathon of Hungary (19 September 1995)
- > Publication of My Meditation-Service at the United Nations for 25 Years, a compilation of questions answered by Sri Chinmoy at the UN (4 October 1995)
- > Dinner in honour of the 25th anniversary of the Peace Meditation group, attended by Ambassadors and Representatives from 10 countries (10 November 1995)
- > A celebration of the release of Sri Chinmoy's book The Garland of Nation-Souls, hosted by Ambassador Jorge Illueca of Panama, featuring the performance of Cantata for the United Nations, a vocal work with instrumental accompaniment based on selections of music composed by Sri Chinmoy, arranged by Mr. Kalatit Jeffrey Baker and performed by members of the New York Philharmonic and others (30 November 1995)
- > The 50th and final Peace Concert in Sri Chinmoy's 1995 international series dedicated to the UN 50th Anniversary, held at Lincoln Center (8 December 1995)
- > U Thant Peace Award presented to President Nelson Mandela of South Africa (29 January 1996)
- > Several receptions and concerts for the UN community held at the Jharna-Kala Gallery on East 44th Street near the UN, displaying Sri Chinmoy's exhibition of five million Dream-Freedom-Peace-Birds (August-September 1996)
- > Programme at the Jharna-Kala Gallery for the UN community, with special guest Mrs. Sita Gandhi-Dhupelia, granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, offering reminiscences of her childhood with the Mahatma (6 September 1996)
- > Sri Chinmoy offered a moment of silence at an Interfaith Ceremony presenting the 1996 Declaration of World
- > Thanksgiving to Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali (21 November 1996)
- > Sri Chinmoy offered a moment of silence at the first Interfaith Celebration of Commitment to the Work of the UN, with guests of honour Secretary-General Kofi Annan and US Ambassador Bill Richardson (25 April 1997)
- > Programme in honour of the 19th Special Session of the General Assembly on Agenda 21, adopted at the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992; attended by Ministers, Members of Parliament and UN representatives (26 June 1997)



- Peace Concert by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to the memory of Mother Teresa, hosted by Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury of Bangladesh (23 September 1997)
- Peace Concert by Sri Chinmoy dedicated to the memory of Princess Diana (3 October 1997)
- The Heart of Gold Award presented to Sri Chinmoy at the UN by the President of the Society of Authors and Composers of Music of Mexico, Mr. Roberto Cantoral (17 April 1998)
- U Thant Peace Award presented to His Holiness Pope John Paul II (17 May 1998)
- Programme honouring South Africa and President Nelson Mandela, with keynote speaker Comrade Jacob Zuma, Deputy President of the African National Congress (6 October 1998)
- Sri Chinmoy offered a moment of silence for peace at the opening ceremony of the 20th annual International Friendship Run, held at the UN for 10,000 international runners, in conjunction with the NYC Marathon, featuring welcoming remarks by Secretary-General Kofi Annan, followed by a private performance for the Secretary-General of Sri Chinmoy's song dedicated to him (31 October 1998)
- A prayerful homage to the legendary Maestro Yehudi Menuhin, with violinist Edna Mitchell, the Maestro's lifelong musical associate, and performers from the Mannes College of Music (19 March 1999)
- A celebration of the life and work of Mr. John F. Kennedy, Jr. (27 July 1999)
- A prayerful homage to Mrs. Raisa Maximovna Gorbachev, with a tribute by Mr. Vadim Perfiliev, Director of General Assembly and ECOSOC Affairs Division (1 October 1999)
- Peace Concert by Sri Chinmoy, who performed on 30 instruments in honour of the 30th anniversary of the Peace Meditation at the UN (18 April 2000)
- Exhibition of 70,000 Peace-Bird Drawings by Sri Chinmoy on display in the UN Secretariat Lobby, dedicated to the Millennium General Assembly (17-28 July 2000)
- Programme produced by UN Radio featuring Sri Chinmoy aired worldwide in conjunction with the UN Millennium Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders (28-29 August 2000)
- Poetry reading celebrating the UN Year of Dialogue among Civilizations, introduced by Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Interim Head of the UN Department of Public Information; featuring Mr. Giandomenico Picco, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the UN Year of Dialogue; and poets Ms. Mei-mei Berssenbrugge, Sri Chinmoy, Mr. Yusef Komunyakaa, Ms. Joyce Carol Oates and Mr. James Ragan (29 March 2001)
- Lifting Up the World with a Oneness-Heart programme honoured Presidents of the UN General Assembly: H.E. Dr. Humayun Rasheed Choudhury (41st Session); H.E. Mr. Amara Essy (49th Session); H.E. Mr. Imre Hollai (37th Session); and H.E. Dr. Jorge Illueca (38th Session) (15 May 2001)
- Exhibition of Paintings for Peace by Sri Chinmoy displayed in the UN Secretariat Lobby in celebration of the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010 (20-31 August 2001)
- Reception dedicated to a Culture of Peace, hosted by Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury of Bangladesh, in honour of Sri Chinmoy's Paintings for Peace exhibition (29 August 2001)