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" T H E S A C R E D F I R E "

by

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IN HONOUR of America's Bicentennial in 1976, Sri Chinmoy wrote this play in 1975 as a tribute to the spirit of the nation. The play presents an inner view of the founding of the country and of the lives of many of her great Presidents, from George Washington to John F. Kennedy.

SINCE 1976, The Sacred Fire has been performed at many of the historical shrines of this land, including sites in Boston, Philadelphia, Concord, Mount Vernon and Washington, D.C., and also at Rockefeller Center in New York City. Last year it was produced here at the United Nations.

TODAY we are presenting a few selected scenes (lasting approximately 30 minutes) in celebration of July 4th, America's Independence Day.

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SCENES

1. The Absolute, the World-Soul, the Soul of England, the Soul of America - an inner confrontation presages the division of England and America. In this family scene, America is depicted as the dynamic child, England as the stately and beautiful mother, the World-Soul as the concerned grandmother and the Absolute as the loving great-grandfather.
2. George Washington and his mother, Mary Washington.
3. John Quincy Adams and his wife, Louisa Adams.
4. Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary Lincoln.
5. Woodrow Wilson and his daughter, Margaret Wilson.
6. John F. Kennedy.
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8. The World-Soul, the Soul of England, the Soul of America - a happy reconciliation is achieved.