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Town Hall Seattle, in association with SAMA: Seattle Sacred Music & Art, presents

Yungchen Lhamo

January 26, 2024, 7:30PM in The Great
Hall Curated by Jon Kertzer



Musicians

Yungchen Lhamo — Vocalist

John Alevizakis — Guitarist

Christopher Icasiano — Percussion

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Program will be announced during the show.

About Yungchen Lhamo

“Yungchen sings like an unearthly creature. Her voice has the power to stop time and makes everything else in the world fall away. Her voice transports you.”

-Natalie Merchant



Tibetan singer and songwriter Yungchen Lhamo graces the world with a musical legacy deeply rooted in spirituality and cultural richness. Renowned for her ethereal vocals, enchanting melodies, and poignant lyrics that reflect the resilience of Tibetan people, Lhamo’s work stands as a testament to the transformative power of music, fostering a connection between hearts and cultures across the globe.

Yungchen’s name, which translates as “Goddess of Melody,” was given to her by a lama when she was born in Lhasa, Tibet — but growing up she had always wanted to be a nun, not a singer.

In 1989, she made the dangerous 1,200-mile journey (which took a month on foot) across the Himalayas to Dharamsala in India to pursue her Buddhist practice. There, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama encouraged her to use her unique voice to promote Tibetan culture around the world. She then moved to Australia, where her first album, *Tibetan Prayer*, won the ARIA Award for Best World Music Album. Yungchen was then signed by Peter Gabriel’s Real World Records label on which she released three more albums: *Tibet, Tibet* (1996), *Coming Home* (1998), and *Ama* (meaning “Mother”), featuring Annie Lennox on “Fade Away” and Joy Askew on “Tara” (2006). In 2013, Cantaloupe Music released her fifth album, *Tayatha* (meaning “It Is Like This”), a meditational collaboration with Russian classical pianist Anton Batagov.

In March 2022, Yungchen released her long-awaited sixth album, *Awakening*, through Six Degrees Records. With this new album, she explores the relevance of compassion-based spirituality to our modern-day, interdependent lives – each song reflecting topics made even more prominent by the COVID-19 pandemic. Her latest and seventh album, *One Drop of Kindness*, was co-produced by Yungchen with John Alevizakis at Little Buddha Studio in Nevada City, California. Yungchen’s goal for the new album is to remind people to keep kindness moving forward in the world.

In 2004, Yungchen established the One Drop of Kindness Foundation, formally known as the Yungchen Lhamo Charitable Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the welfare of human beings in need, regardless of borders, through direct action. Read more at: onedropofkindness.org

“I sing to help transform people’s minds and make them better human beings,” Lhamo says. “We are living in difficult times. But together, bit by bit, we can change the world.”



A Big Thanks to Our Global Atmosphere Guests!

Kathmandu MoMoCha is a family business started in 2017 by Suroj (Sam) and Mandy in Seattle. With a focus on handmade dumplings and appetizers, they passionately introduce people to the flavors of Nepalese food and Kathmandu culture through pop-up kitchens, a food truck, and events.



Professor Ter Ellingson

Professor Ter Ellingson provides a riveting discussion on Tibetan Buddhist music for our preshow conversation in the Forum (starting at 6:30PM).

Venerable Lama Migmar generously provided the art in the lobby. He is the resident artist at Sakya Monastery in Greenwood. Currently, he is working on other Buddhist paintings and can be commissioned to create thangkas, statues, sand mandalas, and deity masks for Buddhist practitioners.



Venerable Lama Migmar

UPCOMING GLOBAL RHYTHMS CONCERTS



**Justin Adams & Mauro
Durante with special guest
Ganesh Rajagopalan
3/1 at 7:30 PM**

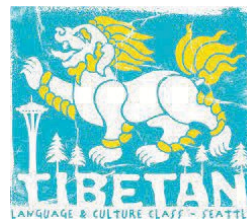
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Brothers 5/4 at 7:30
PM**

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