

Sai Anantam Devotional Ensemble Presented by CAP UCLA and Hammer Museum

Sun, Apr 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm The Nimoy

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WELCOME TO THE 2024-25 SEASON

UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA) is dedicated to the advancement of the contemporary performing arts in all disciplines – dance, music, spoken word and theater, as well as emerging digital, collaborative and cross cultural platforms – by leading artists from around the globe.

Our mission aligns with UCLA's mission of education, research and civic engagement by providing cultural and experiential programs that provoke inquiry and facilitate connection and creativity.

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The poetics of movement and migration

Welcome to my inaugural season at CAP UCLA. Inspired by the diversity of Los Angeles and the city's ability to shape-shift, the 2024–25 season encompasses narratives of change, adaptation and a quest for new perspectives. The works presented speak to our universal urge for exploration and our innate desire for belonging. The visionary artists whose work will bring the season to life ask us to ponder our origins, our trajectory, and the nature of human existence.

Across thirty performances, scores of artists from Los Angeles, around the US, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, South Africa and the United Kingdom inspire thoughtprovoking conversations and seek to create a more just world together. Each performance adds another thread to the ever-evolving tapestry of existence, a testament to the resilience and beauty found in movement and migration.

The performing arts provide fertile ground for transformation and evolution, creating spaces that encourage reflection, connection, and action. My hope is that when you exit a performance, you will be transformed by the desire for a more dignified and empathic world.

In these times of global strife, we must create new ways of being with one another. I invite you to join us this season: ignite your curiosity, partner with us as we fuel new aspirations, and embrace the power and possibility of change.

I look forward to welcoming you.

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Edgar Miramontes *Executive and Artistic Director*



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Sai Anantam Devotional Ensemble

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Program duration: 90 minutes No intermission



With generous support by the Sherman Family Foundation

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

An Offering Honoring the Legacy of Alice Coltrane Turiyasangitananda.

We gather in celebration of the enduring spirit of Alice Coltrane and the exhibition "Alice Coltrane, Monument Eternal" at the UCLA Hammer Museum, on view from February 9th to May 4th, 2025.

Today's offering at the Nimoy Theater holds special significance as we are honored to welcome many devoted students initiated by Turiyasangitananda.

Their presence serves as a powerful reminder of her lasting influence and the transformative power of her music and teachings.

Together, we pay tribute to a legacy that continues to inspire and uplift.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Puja Led by Shankari Adams

Altar & Garland Offering – Rami & Daneshwar

3 Oms – Sita Michelle

Opening Remarks - Sita

Bhajan: Keshava Murahara- Led by Arianna

Bhajan: Yamuna Tira Vihari – Led by Radha Botofasina

Holy Words Offering - Led by Lakshmi

Monument Eternal Book Excerpts - Read by Jaya Lakshmi & Hari Prem

Bhajan: Om Shanti – Led by Sita Michelle

Bhajan: Universal Chant - Led by Shyam Reyes

Silent Meditation - Led by Purusha

Film Presentation - Divine Harmony: Alice Coltrane Turiyasangitananda's Spiritual Journey with Swami Satchidananda Courtesy of Integral Yoga

Dance Offering - By Krishni & Ayodhya (Music Journey in Satchidananda)

Bhajan: Group Chant Aboon

Bhajan: Group Chant Om Namah Turiyasangitananda

PERFORMANCE CREDITS

Musical Director

Surya Botofasina (Keyboards & Vocals)

Principal Vocalists

Satya Womack Lakshmi Myers Radha Botofasina Shyam Reyes Jaya Lakshmi Moss Sri Hari Moss Arianna Goevia Sita Michelle Coltrane Purushottama Hickson Lisa E. Harris

Dancers

Ayodhya Jones Krishni Arra

Chorus

Daneshwar Wesley Prema Cie Vishwarupa Wu Anandamayi Whitaker Brahmashakti Fudail Shankari Adams Madhavi Williams Ramavidya Jones Malik Vitthal Govinda Wilson Padma Jones Vishnu Jones Hari Williams Brahmachandri

Additional Contributors

Brahmani Balkcom Choinesu Fudail Atma Ram Williams Gopika Womack Nicolas Carbonell William Coltrane Ranjani Deri Reyes Loreto Antero Nicolas Carbonell William Coltrane



I pray that all people acknowledge the truth that is God, and will look within to the true light of hope, peace, and divine love; and know that it comes from God and that there is no other possible way to obtain it, such that you are edified in your heart, uplifted unto spirit, and that you have made true spiritual progress in advancement Godward. Strive on!

-A.C. Turiyasangitananda

A NOTE FROM MICHELLE COLTRANE

In the 1970's, my mother Alice Turiya Coltrane became a student of Swami Satchidananda. It proved to be a life-altering educational experience, as my mother became completely immersed in devotional and transcendent thought and practice. She was anointed a guru and assumed the new title Swamini Turiyasangitananda, which is how we referred to her for the rest of her earthly life. Eventually she would found her own Ashram, Sai Anantam, in Agoura California.

This special service reflects her lifelong study, and incorporates the many threads of her musical and devotional life. She began playing music in the Baptist church in Detroit, displaying prodigious talent as a young girl. Her musical journey from there would take her around the world both physically and spiritually.

The John & Alice Coltrane Home, a project devoted to my parents' legacy, is presenting a special calendar of events throughout 2024 and 2025 honoring my mother's creative and artistic achievements. We call this calendar of programs the Year of Alice. This event, in tandem with the Monument Eternal exhibition on display at the UCLA Hammer Museum (Feb 9th-May 4th), is an essential piece of the Year of Alice.

Tonight, the Sai Anantam Devotional Ensemble will offer a glimpse into Swamini Turiyasangitananda's Sunday services, which we held every week at the ashram in Agoura California for over thirty years. This offering includes devotional bhajans, or chants, many of which my mother recorded for albums like Divine Songs and Turiya Sings. We will also be reading text from my mother's newly re-released book Monument Eternal. Additionally, we will be graced with a special East Indian-inspired dance piece performed by adults, I remember them as children, who grew up on the ashram. Much more as well. We are grateful for your presence here tonight.



SAI ANANTAM ASHRAM MANDIR 1983 - 2017

The ashram is not the land, the ashram is wherever someone is practicing spiritual disciplines – making that connection with the divine – sincerely. That's where the ashram is. So if were here that'd be so great. If we're not here, that's okay. Somebody else will be there, they'll get those blessings but we will continue this path that Swaminini has set us on. We will continue. And whatever we do, Swaminini's work is spreading out, there's no stopping that.

– Purushottoma Hickson



BHAJANS OFFERINGS

Keshava Murahara - Arianna Goevia Vrindavana Radhe-Shyam - Radha Botofasina Om Shanti Om - Sita Michelle Universal Chant - Shyam Reyes Aboon Universe - Group Chant Om Namah Turiya - Group Chant

KESHAVA MURAHARA

Keshava murahara narayana Brahma vishnu siva rupa narayana Narayana hari narayana

Translation

Beautiful haired one Keshava killer of mura Narayana: name of god O narayan,you are an infinite Embodiment of brahma, vishnu, siva

VRINDAVANA RADHE-SHYAM

Vrindavana radhe shyam Vrindavana. Radhe shyam Govinda murali gopal Hari murari keshava Rasa vilola madhava

Translation

In vrindavana, radhe-shyam, who is the lord Of radha, is govinda, gopala Who plays the murali (flute) O destroyer of the demon mura, You arranged the esoteric rasa dance Madhava: name of krishna

OM SHANTI OM

Om shanti om shanti om shanti om Ananta natha Param-Brahaman om Vitthala Keshava Madhava Hari om Vitthala Keshava Madhava Hari om Om jaya Krishna jai Rama Hari om Om jaya Rama jai Krishna hari om Om jaya Rama jai Krishna hari om Om jaya Rama jai Krishna Hari om

TRANSLATION

Divine symbol of peace is of and in the supreme, Eternal lord, whose names are Vitthala, Keshava, Madhava and Hari Victory to Krishna victory to Rama

UNIVERSAL CHANT

Chant the names of god Chant chant chant Chant the names of the lord Chant everyone chant Krishna Krishnaya – Janardanaya Allah Devaya – Jehovaya Jesus Christaya – Isa nathaya Siva Sivaya – rahma brahmaya Rama Ramaya – Vishnu Vishnaya

Translation

Chant the names of god Aya means to long for god and manifestations Of God Krishna, Allah, Jehovah, Jesus Christ, Isa(a name for christ) Siva, Brahma, Rama, and Vishnu

ABOON UNIVERSE

(ARAMAIC) ("Our Father")

Aboon d'bwashmaya nitkadaash shmoc Nitkadaash shmoc, nitkadaash shmoc

Sanskrit verse: Vishwa shiromani ram Nama shravana vadyayam A-bhi-ja-na-to karosi nam Aradha Krishna karosi nam

Vishwa shiromani ram Nama smaran vadyayam Mere hriday me pradhan kare Sada jivan me pradhan kare The time is here, the call is clear The trumpets sound for the healing of all nations For the healing of the earth For the healing of the universe For the healing of all hearts and minds in creation

Refrain: Aboon D'bwashmaya...

Our Father God, Let the universe hear your names Let the universe know your names Let all beings hear your holy names.

Refrain: Aboon D'bwashmaya...

Let all nations rise To the glory of your holy names, To the power of your names For the blessings of your sacred names. Refrain: aboon d'bwashmaya...

Aboon D'bwashmaya = "Our Father who art in Heaven" Nitkadaash shmoc = "hallowed be thy name"

OM NAMAH TURIYA

Om namah Turiyasangitananda Om namah Turiyasangitananda Om namah Turiyasangitananda Om namah guru devi Om namah guru devi Sri guru devi charanam Sri guru devi charanam Hari om bhaja rama charanam Hari om bhaja rama charanam

Translation

Obiesances to Turiyasangitananda Our divine teacher Worshiping at the feet of the guru is like Worshiping a the feet of god



SAI ANANTAM ASHRAM MANDIR 1983 - 2017

"The Ashram is an ecumenical community whose path combines the highest spiritual values of Eastern and Western religious Truths."

Swamini encouraged the students to lead a life of devotion and service to the Lord. One of Swamini's most essential teachings is that "all of humanity is a divine radiation from the One Supreme Lord, therefore we are all one family of humanity under God."

– Swamini Turiyasangitananda

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What Is War Collaboratively created & performed by Eiko Otake and Wen Hui Thu, Apr 17, 2025 at 8 pm The Nimoy

Created and performed by Wen Hui (b. 1960 in China) and Eiko Otake (b. 1952 in Japan), *What Is War* shares their personal experiences of war. The longtime friends, who spent a month together in China in early 2020, move intimately to absorb each other's stories.

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This dynamic and intimately scaled venue immerses audiences in a profoundly engaging experience of live performance – while providing contemporary performing artists from Los Angeles and around the world expanded opportunities to develop and present new work.

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Salvage Efforts L.A. Omnibus Series Thu, Apr 24, 2025 at 8 pm The Nimoy

A loving interrogation of the intergenerational dynamics of Salvadoran American memory and what it means to engage histories of solidarity in the Los Angeles community, that emerges in the works of artist Eddie Rodolfo Aparicio, the scholarship of UCLA Professor Leisy Abrego and the short stories of writer, Rubén Reyes, Jr.

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We at UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance acknowledge the Gabrielino/Tongva peoples as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (the Los Angeles basin and South Channel Islands).

As a land grant institution, we pay our respects to the Ancestors (Honuukvetam), Elders (Ahihirom), and relatives/relations (Eyoohinkem) past, present and emerging.

There is no room for racism, intolerance, or inequity.

Anywhere

Not on our stages, in our offices, on our loading docks, in the box office lines, or on the dance floor.

With anyone

Not with our staff, crew, artists, volunteers, ushers, audiences or fans.

We uphold and embrace principles of antiracism, equity,

diversity and AUTHENTIC inclusion as integral to our mission.

We must **EMPOWER** the historically underrepresented.

We must **UPLIFT** excluded voices.

We must **RESIST** structural racism.

We will **COMMIT** fiercely to our responsibility to observe, absorb, consider, contemplate, endure, share and engage in this change.

We STAND AGAINST all forms of discrimination.

We will **STRIVE** to make our organization more equitable and inclusive.

As part of UCLA's School of Art & Architecture (SOAA), we – UCLA's Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA) and Theater Management Services (TMS) – are committed to connecting and creating space for the arts and for all communities.

We acknowledge our organizations' histories as being predominantly white institutions. We are facing uncomfortable truths about systemic racism as we work to make the deep changes necessary to transform the organizational dynamics in our work culture and business practices and dismantle existing oppressive structures. We know there will be shortcomings, which we will face head on. We commit to continually addressing and adapting to changes as they arise. It is only in an improved, supportive work environment that everyone can be fully present, and respected as their true authentic selves.

This statement was drafted by a committee of staff members from both the Center for the Art of Performance and Theater Management Services, from a variety of backgrounds, viewpoints and perspectives.

Together we stand with UCLA's School of Art and Architecture's EDI statement.



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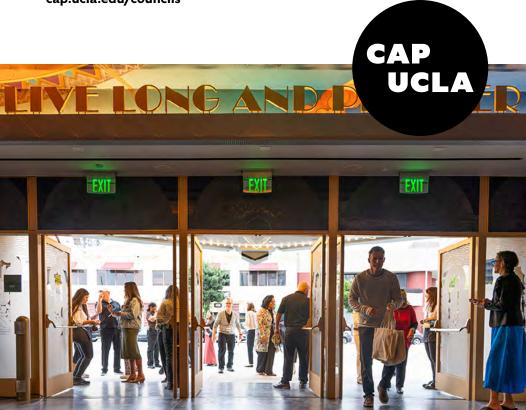
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