

# **GYUTO MONKS OF TIBET**

GEN LAMA RETURNS! ZHAMBALA WISH – FULFILLING TOUR 2010

## **LOSAR – TIBETAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION REPENTANCE CREEK HALL, ROSEBANK FRIDAY 12 – TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

*All welcome – entry by generous donation*

### **DAY PROGRAM 10 am – 4.00 pm**

FRIDAY HEART SUTRA – RITUAL CLEARING  
CEREMONY  
SATURDAY TREASURE VASE DAY – GATHERING  
THE RITUAL INGREDIENTS  
SUNDAY - TUESDAY ZHAMBHALA WEALTH CEREMONY – 3  
DAYS OF AUSPICIOUS CHANT

### **EVENING EVENTS 7.30 – 9.00 pm**

FRIDAY HEART SUTRA - HARMONIC  
CHANTING PERFORMANCE  
SATURDAY and MONDAY HARD TRUTH TALK SERIES with GEN  
LAMA THUPTEN PHUNTSOK

Legend has it that Avalokiteshvara, the Buddha of Compassion, manifested as the god of fortune known as Zhambhala to show a way to create specific karma to ease material suffering and thus free people to pursue the spiritual life. Based on this idea a variety of wealth creation ceremonies evolved in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition with the most elaborate one being Zhambhala. The Gyuto monks will perform this ceremony this Tibetan New Year. The first day is preparation beginning with the Heart Sutra to bid farewell to the old year leaving clear space to welcome the new Tibetan Iron Tiger year. Saturday, the second day is Torma making, filling and painting Treasure Vases. Traditionally, the community brings items symbolic of prosperity like the wool of a hundred sheep, the hair of a hundred horses, the butter from the milk of a hundred cows, plants, soil, stones, water, metals, various grains, and so on. The community is invited to bring such items along but in more modest quantities! There then follows from Sunday to Tuesday three days of actual chanting and ceremony in a performance which has never before been seen in Australia. This ceremony concludes with locking up of a Wealth Essence Box filled with auspicious offerings which will be kept safely for the ongoing welfare of the community. In addition to participating in the preparation for the ritual, people will be able to take part in meditation workshops, public talks and art classes.

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## **GYUTO MONKS AT REPENTANCE CREEK HALL, ROSEBANK - PROGRAM**

### **Friday 12 Feb Ritual Clearing**

- 10 -10.30 Blessing the space.
- 11 -12.00 Material offerings.
- 12 - 1.00 'No Worries' Meditation Series with Gen Lama *Trading Grief*
- 12 - 1.00 Losar Kids Activities
- 2 - 3.00 Metal Sculpture Burning
- 3 - 4.00 Torma creation
- 7.30 - 9.00 HEART SUTRA CLEARING CHANT

### **Saturday 13 Torma Making & Painting of the Treasure Vases**

- 10 -11.00 Karma Burning Ceremony with Gen Thupten Tsundue
- 11 -12.00 Culture for Kids 'Metal Painting'
- 12 - 1.00 'No Worries' Meditation Series with Gen Lama *Tricking Depression*
- 12 - 1.00 Losar Kids Activities
- 2 - 3.00 Filling of the Treasure Vases
- 3 - 4.00 Painting of the Treasure Vases.
- 7.30 - 9.00 HARD TRUTHS with Gen Lama: LOOK BACK TO LOOK FORWARD

### **Sunday 14 Zhambhala Prosperity Ceremony Day 1**

- 10 -11.30 Chanting Session 1. Self Generation
- 12 - 1.00 'No Worries' Meditation Series with Gen Lama *Greedy for Peace*
- 12 - 1.00 Losar Kids Activities
- 2 - 3.00 Chanting Session 2. Raising the Silk Brocade to the Four Directions
- 3 - 4.00 Chanting Session 3. Cleansing and Invocation

### **Monday 15: Zhambhala Prosperity Ceremony Day 2**

- 10 -11.30 Chanting Session 1. Yamantaka Visualization
- 12 - 1.00 'No Worries' Meditation Series with Gen Lama *The Richness of Generosity*
- 12 - 1.00 Losar Kids Activities
- 2 - 3.00 Chanting Session 2. Deriving the Wealth Essence
- 3 - 4.00 Chanting Session 3. Black Tea Purification Ritual
- 7.30 - 9.00 HARD TRUTHS with Gen Lama: LOSAR RESOLUTIONS

### **Tuesday 16: Zhambhala Prosperity Ceremony Day 3**

- 10 -11.30 Chanting Session 1. Invoking the Gods of Fortune
- 12 - 1.00 'No Worries' Meditation Series with Gen Lama *No Worries*
- 12 - 1.00 Losar Kids Activities
- 2 - 3.00 Chanting Session 2. Gathering Influence
- 3 - 4.00 Chanting Session 3. Closing the Wealth Essence Box