FESTIVAL of FAITHS

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The Festival of Faiths celebrates our community’s religious diversity as an enlivening source of spiritual and cultural enrichment for all. This celebration gratefully acknowledges the opportunities for personal and community growth made possible in the current social and religious infrastructure of America, now the most religiously diverse nation on the planet.

SACRED SILENCE: PATHWAY TO COMPASSION
The 2013 Festival of Faiths is dedicated to the historic meeting between Nobel Prize Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky.

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TICKETS
All Festival of Faiths events (free or charged) require a ticket and are available through the Actors Theatre of Louisville’s box office. Ticket prices for individual programs range from $10 to $25. Student tickets are half-price. Day passes are available for $25, and passes for the week are available for $100.

Fees will apply to ticket sales. Day passes and week passes DO NOT include tickets to the Compassionate Governing Banquet on May 18. Tickets to that event must be purchased separately. Tickets to the Dalai Lama’s Engaging Compassion events are available at www.dalailamalouisville.org

To order Festival of Faiths tickets, call (502) 584-1205 or (800) 428-5849 or log onto www.FestivalofFaiths.org.

Or scan the QR code shown here.
**FESTIVAL OF FAITHS**

**SACRED SILENCE EVENTS**

**DALAI LAMA**

**ENGAGING COMPASSION EVENTS**

**FESTIVAL OF FAITHS: SACRED SILENCE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**
- 10 AM  Interfaith Prayer Service: A Call to Compassion  
- 1 PM  Mind at Ease  
- 7 PM  When the Iron Bird Flies: Tibetan Buddhism Arrives in the West

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**
- 9 AM  Guided Meditation  
- 10 AM  A Pathway to Compassion  
- 1 PM  Out of silence something is born that leads to Silence Itself  
- 3 PM  Finding God in the Depths of Silence  
- 7 PM  Merton in His Own Voice

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**
- 9 AM  Guided Meditation  
- 10 AM  Karma and the Imperative of Compassion  
- 1 PM  The Sacred Art of Silence  
- 3 PM  Sacred Silence and Hinduism  
- 7 PM  Yangsi ... Reincarnation is Just the Beginning

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**
- 9 AM  Guided Meditation  
- 10 AM  Sacred Silence and Science  
- 1 PM  Sacred Silence from the Jewish Perspective  
- 3 PM  Sacred Silence in Sufism and the Vedanta

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**
- 9 AM  Sacred Silence: Pathway to Compassion  
- 6 PM  Compassionate Governing Banquet

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**
- 10 AM  Growing Up with Meditation

**DALAI LAMA: ENGAGING COMPASSION**

**SUNDAY, MAY 12**
- 6:30 PM  Tibetan Documentary and rally for Tibet

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**
- 2 PM  Public Talk by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

**MONDAY, MAY 20**
- 9 AM  Buddhist Teaching by His Holiness the Dalai Lama  
- 8 PM  Tibetan Freedom Concert

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1. **KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS • MAY 21**
   Dalai Lama will talk to middle-school and high-school students

2. **GALT HOUSE HOTEL • MAY 17 - 18**
   Festival of Faiths Programming

3. **ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE • MAY 14 - 17**
   Festival of Faiths Programming

4. **KFC YUM! CENTER • MAY 19 - 20**
   Dalai Lama Public Talk May 19 and Public Teachings May 20

5. **WHISKEY ROW GALLERY • MAY 13 - 22**
   Ralph Eugene Meatyard’s 1967-68 Photography of Thomas Merton Exhibit
practice as a freeing, embolding and poignant approach to life that allows us to respond with clarity. Namgyel will ask The second half of the program will focus on the practice of bearing witness – which lies at the heart of all true spiritual habituate our mind to a different way of understanding and relaxing with experience. How does the mind rest at ease with its world? Meditation is a powerful means of working with challenges and helps us thoughts and emotions as they relate to the pain and uncertainty of life around us. How does the mind closely at the reasons why we meditate. We often find ourselves struggling with our inner lives of calmness and clarity in our minds, from where genuine compassion and loving kindness can arise. The speakers will present their understanding of the relationship between practices of inner silence and the expression of compassion in daily living and our culture. Book-signing to follow.
ACROSS THE STREET AND ACROSS THE GENERATIONS
MARK ELLIOTT

FRIDAY, MAY 17

SACRED SILENCE AND HINDUISM • 3 PM - 5:30 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE
Simply and Surprisingly Explained
Swami Siddheshvari Devi Ji (Didi Ji), Founder of Radha Madhav Society
Swami Didi Ji will discuss the eternal Vedas and Vedic scriptures, which proclaim that God is unconditionally merciful and compassionate. When we retreat in silence and meditate on Him, we open our heart and begin to receive His countless blessings. By loving Him we become recipients of His grace, and transform into compassionate beings. Book-signing to follow.
COST: $10

YANGSI... REINCARNATION IS JUST THE BEGINNING • 7 PM - 9 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE
A film directed by Mark Elliott
COST: Free/Ticket is required (Must order tickets by phone. 502-584-1205)

SATURDAY, MAY 18

SACRED SILENCE: PATHWAY TO COMPASSION • 9 AM - 3 PM • GALT HOUSE
Matthieu Ricard, molecular biologist turned Buddhist monk, author and photographer
Swami Siddheshvari Devi Ji (Didi Ji), Founder of Radha Madhav Society
Swami Atmarupananda, renowned teacher of Hinduism
Fr. Richard Rohr, globally recognized ecumenical teacher and author
Seyyed Hossein Nasr, one of the world’s leading scholars on Islamic science and Sufism
Dalai Lama Fellows, a global community of college students who work toward a world that tends to the good of the whole as well as of the individual
In keeping with the Dalai Lama’s wishes to include interfaith events at each of his travel destinations, the Festival of Faiths’ signature event will feature world-renowned experts on contemplative practice and compassion. They will discuss the nature of “sacred silence” from the perspective of the great faith traditions. The program will begin with an introduction by Arjia Rinpoche, who was chosen by the Dalai Lama to direct the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center. (The program will break for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm.)
COST: $25

SATURDAY, MAY 18

GUIDED MEDITATION • 9 AM - 10 AM • GALT HOUSE
Gerardo Abboud, President of the Donyuling Buddhist Centre in Argentina
Abboud will demonstrate how, although there are many types of meditations, a common thread to all of them is the cultivation of mindfulness and awareness. Through these we can find calmness and clarity in our minds, from where genuine compassion and loving kindness can arise.
COST: Free/Ticket is required (Must order tickets by phone. 502-584-1205)

SACRED SILENCE AND SCIENCE • 10 AM - 12 PM • GALT HOUSE
Compassion from a Buddhist’s and a Neuroscientist’s Perspectives
Matthieu Ricard, Buddhist monk, author and photographer
James Doty, MD, Founder and Director of the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education at Stanford University
Compassion has been a fundamental precept of essentially every religious tradition and for many is what defines our humanity. While clearly caring for those who are suffering results in significant benefit to the giver in regard to mental and physical health and to longevity. There is now a body of evidence that demonstrates that through mental training practices such as meditation, one will benefit with improved health and greater sense of fulfillment and happiness.
COST: $10

SUNDAY, MAY 19

SACRED SILENCE FROM THE JEWISH PERSPECTIVE • 1 PM - 2:30 PM • GALT HOUSE
Rabbi Arthur Green, scholar of Jewish mysticism and Neo Hasidism and rector of Hebrew College’s Rabbinical School.
Rabbi Arthur Green will deal with the subtle interplay of language and silence in the spiritual act of prayer, where mind and mouth give word to the heart’s silent outpourings. Our Torah, too, is a verbalizing of silence, the silence of God. It is in the spoken word that our twin silences meet, rediscovering that they are One. Book-signing to follow.
COST: $10

GROWING UP WITH MEDITATION - A DISCUSSION BETWEEN MOTHER AND SON
10 AM - 11:30 AM • GALT HOUSE
Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, Retreat Master at Longchen Jigme Samten Ling retreat center in Colorado
Dungse Jampal Norbu, renowned Buddhist teacher
Moderated by Jonathan Bastian from Louisville Public Media.
Dungse Jampal Norbu grew up in a dharma family. His mother, Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, is the wife and student of Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche. Together they will share their unique experience of having dharma at the very core of family life and look at the riddle we all face: how to transform our closest relations, with all their love and struggle, into developing compassion.
COST: $25

COMPASSIONATE GOVING BANQUET • 6 PM - 9 PM • GALT HOUSE
Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer will host a group of distinguished elected officials from around the country to discuss compassion in government.
COST: $25 (NOTE – Tickets to attend this event are not available as part of day passes or week passes.)
EXHIBITS

Exhibits of art, photography, and artifacts presented by the Festival of Faiths and its partner organizations celebrate the historic 1968 meeting in India of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Thomas Merton of the Abbey of Gethsemani.

**Zen Camera: Gene Meatyard and Thomas Merton**
5/13 - 5/22/13 • 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM
Whiskey Row Gallery • 131 West Main Street • Louisville, KY 40202

A collection of Ralph Eugene Meatyard photographs of Thomas Merton. Exhibit includes the first public appearance of eight Thomas Merton calligraphies.

For more information, see www.festivaloffaiths.org.

**A Hidden Wholeness: The Zen Photography of Thomas Merton** • 5/7 - 6/2/13
McGrath Art Gallery, Bellarmine University • 2001 Newburg Road • Louisville, KY 40205

An exhibit of 35 photographs by Thomas Merton that express the Zen perception of our immediate world as ever changing, impermanent, but with a unity of all things.

For more information, see www.merton.org/dalailama.

**Thomas Merton and the Dalai Lama Special Exhibit**
4/29 - 6/2/13
Thomas Merton Center, Bellarmine University • 2001 Newburg Road • Louisville, KY 40205

The Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University, the official repository of Thomas Merton’s literary estate, is host to this special exhibit of artifacts relating to Thomas Merton’s historic November 1968 meeting with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

For more information, see www.merton.org/dalailama.
**TIBETAN DOCUMENTARY AND RALLY FOR TIBET** • 6:30 PM • CLIFTON CENTER
The event will feature a screening of *Fire Under the Snow*, a documentary film about Buddhist monk and 33-year political prisoner Palden Gyatso.

**PUBLIC TALK BY HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA** • 2 PM - 4 PM • KFC YUM! CENTER
Festival of Faiths interfaith leaders will join His Holiness the Dalai Lama for his public talk, which will focus on how individuals can engage with compassion from their own religious tradition in order to build world peace.

**PUBLIC TEACHING BY HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA** • 9 AM - 3:30 PM • KFC YUM! CENTER
The two-part public teaching, “Atisha’s Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment” is for those who wish to explore and deepen their understanding of the Buddhist faith.

**TIBETAN FREEDOM CONCERT** • 8 PM • W.L. LYONS BROWN THEATRE
Featuring performances by Ben Sollee and musicians from Kentucky and Tibet. Proceeds benefit the Drepung Gomang Institute, the host organization of Engaging Compassion and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

**COST:** Tickets are $25, $40 and $75. Call 502-584-7777 to order.

For tickets and more information, see [www.DalaiLamaLouisville.org](http://www.DalaiLamaLouisville.org).
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