

Khenpo Karma Namgyal Rinpoche

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Friday April 6: Buddha of Compassion Teaching ~ 6-7pm — Free

Karma Rinpoche will speak about Chenrezig ‘Buddha of Compassion’ and his message of love and compassion, his ability to provide comfort and healing during times of suffering. He will lead us in chanting the Chenrezig mantra for the benefit of all sentient beings.

**Saturday April 7: Chenrezig Buddha of Compassion Fire Ceremony ~ 10am-1pm
Suggested Donation \$20**

The Chenrezig ‘Buddha of Compassion’ Fire Ceremony is a sacred ritual in Vajrayana Buddhism, which invokes the power and blessing of the deity. The fire ceremony purifies obstacles and negativities offering healing to us and our world. During the fire ceremony, food and medicinal herbs are offered to the fire while Rinpoche chants and recites special prayers. All attendees participate in making offerings to the fire.

The power of the fire ceremony helps to protect the land and people from natural disasters or dangers such as war. For those who are dying or deceased, the ceremony brings peace and comfort during their transition. If you have lost a loved one, please write their name on a piece of paper and bring it with you. Any difficulties you are experiencing can be written on a piece of paper as well. These will be offered to the fire with special prayers recited by Rinpoche.

The fire ceremony is outdoors, so please dress for the weather.

To sponsor a fire ceremony is a great honor. If you would like to sponsor this fire ceremony (\$200) please contact Meg Ventrudo (mventrudo@tibetanmuseum.com). Donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

**Sunday April 8 – Vajrapani/Hayagriva/Garuda Empowerment 10am-noon
Suggested Donation \$20-30**

In response to the many environmental catastrophes afflicting many area of the United States this past year and more, Khenpo Karma Namgyal Rinpoche will offer the Tacha Chung Sum Blessing Empowerment, which combines three powerful protective tantric deities — Vajrapani, Hayagriva and Garuda — in one.

This empowerment will help heal and protect the country and its inhabitants, as a whole, and the New York area in particular. Please join us as we partake in this profound Buddhist empowerment transmitted to us by Khenpo Karma Namgyal Rinpoche of the Drukpa Kagyu and Nyingma lineages of Bhutan.

Sunday April 8: Medicine Buddha Teaching & Empowerment – 3-6pm
Suggested Donation — Free

The aspiration of Medicine Buddha is to remove all physical, mental and emotional suffering. Practicing Medicine Buddha will help balance the four elements of fire, earth, air and water. When we recite the Medicine Buddha prayer and engage in the meditation practice we receive Medicine Buddha's blessings and help heal the imbalanced state within ourselves and the world.

Note: Dana, an offering to the Lama for his healing gifts, is separate from the donation. No one will be turned away from Karma Rinpoche's events for lack of funds.