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Sand Mandala for World Peace

- **Main Library Atrium, 800 Vine Street**
- **Wednesday, July 21-Saturday, July 24**
- **10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily**
- **Closing Ceremony: Saturday, July 24, 3:00 p.m.**

Join us on Wednesday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. for four days as the Tibetan Monks from the Dzindu Monastery at Mundgod Tibetan Settlement, South India construct a Sand Mandala for World Peace. The monks are on the conclusion of a one-year tour of the United States and Canada to spread the message of love, compassion and wisdom under the guidance of Gangkar Tulku Rinpoche. They will construct a Sand Mandala over the course of four days, then dismantle the Mandala in a closing ceremony on the last day and distribute the colorful sand to the audience. Remaining sand will be carried to the Ohio River for dispersal.

In tantric initiation rituals sometimes the mandala is drawn with colored-sand to welcome the arrival of wisdom beings. During the concluding part of the ceremony the colored-Sand Mandala is completely wiped off through a systematic procedure, and the precious dusts gathered are brought to a river and poured into the flow to “bless sentient beings in the water realm.”

The touring monks will provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the ancient Tibetan tradition, where they will share their experience on cultivating love, compassion and peace by means of Buddhist rituals and meditations.

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