

*A Seat of
Sakya Tibetan Buddhism
United States of America
Founded in 1974*



*May the radiant flower of
Tibetan Tradition
be preserved for the
benefit of all beings.*

SAKYA MONASTERY OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM

September 3, 2013

Dear Friends,

H. H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya is the oldest living lama of the Sakya tradition, one of the four traditions of Tibetan Buddhism. Since fleeing Tibet in 1959, his vision has been to establish a monastery in Seattle, Washington in order to share the Buddhist teachings and preserve Tibetan culture. To fulfill this goal, H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya established Sakya Monastery in 1984 in Seattle, Washington.

Sakya Monastery has become a rich and enduring resource for the Seattle Buddhist community. Sakya Monastery offers a full array of authentic and comprehensive Dharma practices, teachings, and initiations for both beginning and advanced students. Furthermore, Sakya Monastery is one of the few Buddhist centers in the Pacific Northwest where a high lama offers the Refuge ceremony to new adherents to the Buddha dharma. Sakya Monastery is also the heart center of the local Tibetan community. Tibetans use Sakya Monastery as a safe and familiar venue for their prayer services, cultural meetings and classes, and Tibetan language classes.

Starting in 1984, H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya has inspired and orchestrated the transformation of a church building into an authentic Tibetan monastery. Today, Sakya Monastery is a holy sanctuary with a magnificent Shrine room. Artists of Tibet, Bhutan, and the United States of America spent years skillfully painting the sacred murals, constructing the Buddhist statues, and creating the Hevajra mandalas. In 1993, Sakya Monastery was consecrated by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

The members of Sakya Monastery and the Tibetan community will host a celebratory dinner and fund raising event (including a silent auction) on November 9, 2013 to thank H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya for his meritorious and successful efforts and dedication to preserve the Tibetan culture and religion. The fund raising event is for a major renovation project – replacement of the old and leaky Sakya Monastery roof. It is incumbent that the unique murals, statues, and other sacred objects at Sakya Monastery be preserved and protected from the wet Seattle winters.



*Water damage to paint on wall
behind Buddha in Shrine Room*



*Linage tree and 4 Guardians murals (above) and other sacred objects
in Shrine Room need protection to avoid similar damage.*

Last winter, additional water damage occurred in H.H. Dagchen Rinpoche's office and the library.

We have done due diligence and gotten estimates from many roofing contractors. The best bids for removing the old roof and replacing it with a new one approximate \$50,000.

Please join us for this unique evening, as we thank H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya for his untiring vision and guidance in the building of Sakya Monastery and as we help support the essential roof renovation project.

Event Details:

Date and Time: Saturday, November 9, 2013
Silent Auction begins at 5:30 pm
Dinner begins at 6:30 pm
Location: Nordic Heritage Museum,
3014 NW 67th St
Seattle, WA 98117
www.nordicmuseum.org

Cost: \$50/person

Childcare will be available at Sakya Monastery for a nominal fee as the event is for adults only.

Please RSVP by October 21st to Sakya Monastery (monastery@sakya.org, 206 789-2573). Payment must be received before November 1, 2013.

In addition, we invite people to contribute charitable donations towards the roof replacement project. Donations of any dollar amount would be greatly appreciated. For those able to give more, we have divided the roof into squares. If you would like to adopt a square for roof renovation, the donation would be \$100 and your name would be added to our "Sustaining Efforts and Contributions" plaque located in the Shrine Room foyer.

See the paragraph below about how to prepay for the celebratory event and/or make donations for the new roof.

Payments for the event, and tax-deductible donations towards the new roof, may be made on the Sakya Monastery website (www.sakya.org) or by making a check payable to Sakya Monastery and mailing payment to Sakya Monastery, 108 NW 83rd Street, Seattle WA 98117. **When making payment, please fill out the attached form on the following page.**

Sincerely yours in the Dharma,



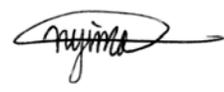
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Celebratory Event Registration and/or Donation

(Mail in completed form or complete registration and/or donation online: www.sakya.org)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Attending dinner: Y/N How many tickets? _____

Dinner (tickets \$50/person): \$ _____

Adopt a square (\$100/square): \$ _____

Other donation amount: \$ _____

Total payment (dinner and/or donation for new roof): \$ _____

For your records, total tax-deductible donation (add adopt-a-square + other donation): \$ _____