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## Shanti Shanti Perform at Fire Dog, a World Peace Benefit in Las Vegas

**Las Vegas, Nevada—February 7, 2006:** To help ring in the Tibetan New Year and promote personal happiness and world peace, Shanti Shanti will headline “Fire Dog,” a unique concert to benefit the Dzogchen Shri Singha Foundation.

“Fire Dog” is being held on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the **Palace Station** (2411 W. Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV).

Known as the only Sanskrit rock group in America, **Shanti Shanti** is comprised of sisters Andrea and Sara Forman who are gaining worldwide recognition for their unique sound that combines modern western new age music with chanting in Sanskrit, the ancient language of India. Other featured performers are renowned classical guitarist **Chris Carelli** and the **Lohan School of Shaolin** of Las Vegas, martial artists performing their dramatic **Lion Dance**.

“A one-of-a-kind cause deserves a one-of-a-kind event, “ says Dr. Shannon Kohrig, fundraising committee chair of the Dzogchen Shri Singha Foundation, “We’re very happy that these performers are helping us build awareness for the Dzogchen Retreat Center project.”

The concert will benefit the Foundation’s **Dzogchen Retreat Center USA** project. The goal of the project is to establish a permanent facility where all people can eradicate the root of suffering in this world, negative thinking and destructive emotions. Bringing ancient wisdom to the modern world, the retreat center will be instrumental in training this and future generations in the Tibetan Buddhist methods that increase personal happiness, foster social harmony, and plant the seeds for world peace.

In the Tibetan calendar, 2006 is the **Year of the Fire Dog**, and the benefit concert coincides with the Tibetan New Year celebration. Performing special New Year’s blessings will be Tibetan Buddhist meditation master **Dzogchen Khenpo Choga Rinpoche**, the spiritual advisor of the Dzogchen Shri Singha Foundation.

Advance general admission tickets are \$30 per person, plus applicable service fees. For full details and online ticketing, please visit [www.dzogchenlineage.org/drc](http://www.dzogchenlineage.org/drc) to find out the lowest fees. Tickets can be purchased over the phone at 866-264-1818 or 702-547-5300, or at the Palace Station Rewards Center on the day of the show. All underage participants at the concert must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older.

## **About the Dzogchen Shri Singha Foundation**

The Dzogchen Shri Singha Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Boulder City, NV. Founded in 2002, the Foundation was created to perpetuate the Buddhist teachings of the Dzogchen Lineage. Donations are tax-deductible.

**More at:** <http://www.dzogchenlineage.org>

## **About Shanti Shanti**

Andrea and Sara Forman of Shanti Shanti uplift their audiences with the sounds and messages of ancient Vedic texts. Most of Shanti Shanti's lyrics are in Sanskrit, a five thousand-year-old language that originated in northern India. With four CDs released and a fifth in production, Shanti Shanti has gained worldwide recognition as recording and performing artists for their angelic and fluid vocal approach to Sanskrit chanting and new age music.

**More at:** <http://www.shantishanti.com>

## **About Chris Carelli**

Chris Carelli began his studies in 1993 with guitarist Jim Dellet (student of the great George Van Eps). Upon entrance into the University of California, San Diego in 1995, Chris came under the tutelage of Celin Romero, member of the famous international guitar quartet "Los Romeros." He has performed for and studied with Celin, Pepe, & Angel Romero, Christopher Parkening, John Sutherland, William Burgess, John Duarte and performed with Sharon Isbin at the Aspen Music Festival in Aspen, Colorado. Chris's recent debut recording "Anthology" is the product of the journey he has made thus far and marks the next chapter in his promising career.

**More at:** <http://www.chriscarelli.com>

## **About Lohan School of Shaolin**

One of the most important training and cultural aspects of the Chinese martial arts is the Lion Dance. It is a valued training method, and is also a great source of historical information in regards to kung fu. Lead by Sifu Steven Baugh, founder, director, and master instructor of the Lohan School of Shaolin, the Las Vegas-based School is well known for their many demonstrations in Chinese lion dance and martial arts.

**More at:** <http://www.lvlohans.com>

## **About Dzogchen Khenpo Choga Rinpoche**

A vibrant and dynamic teacher, Khenpo Choga is a 33rd-generation lineage holder of the Buddhist wisdom lineage of Dzogchen, a lama of Dzogchen Monastery, and professor of the Dzogchen Shri Singha University. Rinpoche has more than seven years of solitary cave meditation experience in the high Himalayas and embodies the qualities of a realized practitioner and yogi. He is a published author of numerous Tibetan and English books, including *The Buddha Path*, a practice book that encompasses all of Buddha's teachings, and which is now available in English, and is soon to be released in Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.

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