

Hello,

First of all sorry for this very long silence. Finally there has not been any Raksha Mancham newsletter in 1993 - the previous one was issued in November 1992 - those familiar with our activities may easily understand that we were terribly busy. So let me just tell you a very few things that you should remind.

1993 - International Year of Indigenous Peoples, according to U.N.O. Decision...Raksha Mancham's members finally completed the recordings of their new Compact-Disc "Chös Khor". The sound quality is incredibly high, very professional as we changed the antique eight-track studio for a high technology twenty-four track machine. In addition to that, all the instruments used have been selected for their particular acoustic performances. As we experienced some delays - mainly due to Italian post services and booklet design problems, the release was changed from 10th of March into 24th of September. On the 25th of March 1993, Raksha Mancham performed a very special event in an underground site in Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium, on the occasion of an art festival. The intervention "Genocide" was entirely based on the reports of the International Commission of Jurists about Human Rights violations perpetrated by the Chinese against the Tibetan people. That intervention, performed in a large underground hall, using a lot of fireworks, fire, slides, video, films, dances,... has impressed most of the people who attended it. We are interested to perform similar interventions in other places abroad. If you are interested, please let us know. Important meeting on Tibet took place at the Belgian Parliament on the 19th of May - of course Dta-Wa-E was there. Dta-Wa-E sent a report on the Human Rights violations in Tibet to the Sub-Commission of the United Nations Organization in Geneva. That report was accepted in September 1993. We travelled through Libya from the 4th to the 23rd of September. The release of our second Compact-Disc "Chös Khor" has been delayed and was finally realized on the 24th of September on Musica Maxima Magnetica under reference eee 17 / KR-17-9309. And there exists a related release of Limited Numbered De-Luxe Box-Sets Edition of 100 copies only. Each box is directly inspired by a particular indigenous population and includes a map, a leaflet with explanations about the tribe or nation concerned, photographs, drawings, (all drawings are original drawings of course different in each and every box) plus photographs of the making of "Chös Khor"!!! These box-sets are only sold to subscribers. A list of the concerned tribes and populations have been included in the previous Raksha Mancham mailing. You can let us know your choice and number by phone: (32).10.45.31.73. We also recorded a track for the Ritual Issue of Total, Volume 3: "Dances Of The Harvest". Another important meeting on Tibet took place at the Belgian Parliament on the 29th of November - of course Dta-Wa-E was there once again. As 1993 was declared International Year of Indigenous Peoples some articles written by us were published in Belgium: "Lutte pour la terre dans les Chittagong Hill Tracts" about the dramatic situation of the Jhumma People in Bangladesh - published in Defis-Sud in March-April 1993 and "Purification ethnique sur le Toit du Monde" about the dramatic situation of the Tibetan People - published in Demain Le Monde N° 9-10 in November-December 1993 - copies available for those interested.

Projects for 1994 include:

- * The release of a very limited edition special box entitled "Chu-Shi Khang-Druk" including a strongly Limited Edition Compact-Disc including remixes of the track "Chu-Shi Khang-Druk" by Raksha Mancham as well as some other tracks about Tibet - some of them are unreleased on Compact-Disc. That realisation will be presented in a big wood box, with a National Tibetan Flag and, if possible, a flag of the "Chu-Shi Khang-Druk". Make an offer for that box!
- * The release of a new Compact-Disc entitled "Ghazels", inspired by the deserts of North Africa, Middle East,... The original idea came from a journey in the Fezzan Desert of Libya in Ghadames. The recording sessions started on the 30th of January and we expect to see that Compact-Disc released before May 1994 on Musica Maxima Magnetica under references eee 19 / KR-19-9405.
- * The release of a collaborative project with some radical Tibetan activists under the name 1 200 000 Dead Tibetans, dealing with severe Human Rights violations in Tibet to be released on Musica Maxima Magnetica under reference eee 29 / KR-29-9409.
- * The release of a full new Compact-Disc entitled "sBas-Yul (The Hidden Land)" also on Musica Maxima Magnetica under reference eee 23 / KR-23-9411.

For all these releases we have to change our usual practices. Those among you who have ordered Limited Numbered De-Luxe Box-Set Editions of "Phyidar" and "Chös Khor" have certainly seen that we have a lot of difficulties to deliver them within a correct delay. The reason is we are really busy and these editions require a lot of time and work to be produced. That kind of realization is more a handicraft work than an industrial product. So please apologize for long delays. In order to avoid having such problems occurring in the future, we decided that we shall change the formula of our Limited Numbered De-Luxe Box-Set Editions. Each of them will be limited to 108 copies only but they will be less personalized in order to permit a quicker delivery. Of course the result of these changes is that the prices of these special editions will be lowered: we shall not increase the prices despite high increases of costs and postal rates.

Access priority to these Limited De Luxe Wood Box-Sets Editions will be given to those who already ordered both previous Limited De Luxe Editions of "Phyidar" and "Chös Khor". Order very soon!!! On the other hand; we decided to continue our special releases limited to one single copy of each product, sold on auction basis. That formula will concern: "Nymphs of the Desert" (ref. KR-20-9405), an art master work related to "Ghazels" including maps, photographs and artwork items, "The Hidden Lands" (ref. KR-24-9409), an art master work related to "sBas-Yul (The Hidden Land)" including maps, photographs and artwork items. We are waiting for your bids for that auction sale for these unique art master works. We shall close the sales on the 30th of April for the first one, and later on for the second one. The benefits of the sales will help to finance the activities of Raksha Mancham in the humanitarian field.

Many of you often inquire about the available items in our catalogue, this is the present situation:

Raksha Mancham - "Phyidar" (CD) (KR-13-9205): 666 BEF (postage and packing costs included for all countries).
Raksha Mancham - "Phyidar" (Box) (KR-14-9211): 1700 BEF (please refer to informations contained in CD booklets).
Raksha Mancham - "Chös Khor" (CD) (KR-17-9309): 666 BEF (postage and packing costs included for all countries).
Raksha Mancham - "Chös Khor" (Box) (KR-18-9311): 1700 BEF (refer to informations contained in CD booklets).
Raksha Mancham - "Chu-Shi Khang-Druk" (KR-16-9403): Auction closed on the 30th of March 1994.
Raksha Mancham - "Ghazels" (CD) (KR-19-9404): 666 BEF (*available early May*).
Raksha Mancham - "Ghazels" (Box) (KR-18-9311): 1700 BEF (please refer to informations contained in CD booklets).
Raksha Mancham - "Nymphs Of The Desert" (KR-20-9405): Auction closed on the 30th of April 1994.

All realizations released before KR-13-9205 are deleted and completely unavailable, and won't be re-released.

* Tour: Raksha Mancham will perform in Cannes on the 2nd of April, in Karlsruhe on the 10th of April, in Paris at the Passage du Nord-Ouest on the 11th of April. Please contact us for further informations: addresses,... All the benefits will be given to the Tibetan Youth Congress as usual or to the Tibetan refugee community of Tashi Ling (Pokhara), Nepal.

In order to fulfill our objectives, Raksha Mancham is still selling some musical instruments which have been used for some recordings: r-Gyaling (Tibetan shawn / oboe): 9000 Belgian Francs, Nachung r-Kang Dung (Tibetan human thigh bone horn): 14 000 Belgian Francs, Mani Chös Khor (Tibetan prayer wheel): 3900 Belgian Francs, Mendjan (Cameroonesse Xylophone): 2500 Belgian Francs. If you are looking for other items from the same area, your want-lists are welcome.

We really would like to improve our promotion and distribution in your country. So if you know any distributor, magazine, promotor... which may be interesting for us and that we may contact, please let us know. Your help will really be welcome.

As you will probably realize it, a mailing like this one you have just received is very expensive as we send it to hundreds of persons worldwide. If such informations are interesting you and if you want to receive such mailings from Raksha Mancham in the future, we will be grateful to you if you accept to send us three stamps of 15 BEF or an I.R.C. (International Reply Coupon). Thank you very much. In case you are not interested by the defence of basic Human Rights especially in the case of populations victims of genocides / culturicides / ethnocides, please stop listening to Raksha Mancham and inform us about it, we will no longer disturb you with our mailings. Thanks.

The following books and items are available for sale: "On the brink in Bengal" by Francis Rolt (an account of a travel through the forbidden areas of Bangla Desh - in English language) on John Murray (1991): (1300 BEF), "Les Cavaliers du Kham" by Michel Peissel (rare account on the Khampa guerilla in Tibet between the early fifties and the late sixties - in French language) on Robert Laffont (1972): (700 BEF). "Le Tigre et le Lama" (a story of politics in the Kingdom of Druk Yul - Bhutan - in French language) by Erik Allgöwer on Olizane (1991): (700 BEF), "Moeurs Sexuelles exotiques" by Docteur L. Lenz (rare book of sexual ethnography - in French language) on Buchet-Chastel (1960): (2000 BEF) All books postage and packing included.

After too many troubles, Raksha Mancham decided to cease any collaboration with Survival International (for Threatened Tribal People) and I.C.R.A. (International Commission for the Rights of Aboriginal People and ethnic minorities). So please forget their addresses, it appears that they are not honest enough to deserve your interest.

Your correspondence is always welcome: Postal / Contact Adress: RAKSHA MANCHAM / DTA-WA-E (Eric Fabry) 23, rue de Chastre BE - 1325 Corroy-Le-Grand Belgium. (Please do not send any Money Order (I.M.O.) to that address as this is not a legal address, please send International Money Orders (I.M.O.'s) only to: Eric Fabry 1 D / Boite 1, rue du Ruchaux BE - 1490 Court-Saint-Etienne Belgium). Your phone calls are always welcome (preferably between 6 P.M. and 10 P.M. and between 10 A.M. and 10 P.M. on Sundays): (32).10.45.31.73.

KR-11-9011	RAKSHA MANCHAM	The Red Banquet Video Film of the "Red Banquet" performance in Geneva - Switzerland, 30.09.1990	Archived	* Video
KR-12-9203	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Sum Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 1 (one!!!) copy only including thee LP, four cassettes, book, drawings, photographs, booklets, posters, press-BOOK, postcards, prints, map, flag,...	Sold-Out	* Box
KR-13-9205	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Phyidar Compilation of previously released tracks from the three albums by Raksha Mancham, as well as remixes, new versions, additional tracks, unreleased material, released by Musica Maxima Magnetica (M.M.M.)	666 B.Fr.	* CD
KR-14-9211	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Phyidar Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 108 numbered copies including a Compact-Disc, artwork items, drawings, photographs,...	1700 B.Fr.	* Box
KR-17-9309	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Chös-Khor Full new material released on the occasion of the International Year of Indigenous Peoples by Musica Maxima Magnetica (M.M.M.)	666 B.Fr.	* CD
KR-18-9311	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Chös-Khor Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 100 numbered copies including a Compact-Disc, artwork items, drawings, photographs,...	1700 B.Fr.	* Box

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KR-15-9406	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Ngadar Limited De-Luxe edition of 1 (one!!!) copy only incl. Compact-Disc, booklets, artwork items,...	Sold-Out	* Box
KR-16-9403	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Chu-Shi Khang-Druk Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition, Artwork created on the occasion of the 35th Tibetan National Uprising Day - 10 May 1994... including exclusive Compact-Disc, two flags, maps, booklets, artwork items, Tibetan objects,...	T.B.A.	* Box
KR-19-9406	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Ghazels New material inspired by Hafiz poetry and travels in Libya, North Africa and Middle East released by Musica Maxima Magnetica (M.M.M.)	666 B.Fr.	* CD
KR-20-9406	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Nymphs Of The Desert Limited De-Luxe edition of 1 (one!!!) copy only including a map of the World, Compact-Disc, artwork items, photographs,...	Auction	* Box
KR-21-9406	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Kum Bum Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 1 (one!!!) copy only including two Compact-Discs, book, drawings, photographs, booklets, posters, postcards, prints, map, press-book	Sold-Out	* Box
KR-22-9406	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Kyilkhor Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 1 (one!!!) copy only including one Compact-Disc, drawings, booklets, photographs, posters, , postcards, prints, map,...	Sold-Out	* Box

KR-23-9411	RAKSHA MANCHAM	sBas-Yul Full new material dealing with Himalayan areas released by Musica Maximla Magnetica (M.M.M.)	T.B.A.	* CD
KR-24-9411	RAKSHA MANCHAM	The Hidden Lands Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 1 (one!!!) copy only including Compact-Disc, books, drawings, photographs, booklets, posters, press-book, postcards, prints, maps,...	Auction	* Box
KR-25-9409	RAKSHA MANCHAM	The Red Banquet Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition including Video film of the "Red Banquet" performance in Geneva - Switzerland, 30.09.1990 with photos, prints, texts, artwork items,...	Archived	* Box
KR-26-9406	RAKSHA MANCHAM	Ghazels Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 100 numbered copies including a Compact-Disc, artwork items, drawings, photographs,...	1700 B.Fr.	* Box
KR-27-9409	DTA-WA-E	Incarnation 20 years of Tibetology, 10 years of Raksha Mancham,... a commemoration of the dramatic events of the 24th of September 1974.	T.B.A.	* Event
KR-28-9411	RAKSHA MANCHAM	sBas-Yul Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 100 numbered copies including a Compact-Disc, artwork items, drawings, photographs,...	1700 B.Fr.	* Box
KR-29-9409	1 200 000 Dead Tibetans	1 200 000 Dead Tibetans Full new project involving Tibetan radicals, based on severe Human Rights violations in Tibet released by Musica Maxima Magnetica (M.M.M.)	T.B.A.	* CD
KR-30-9409	1 200 000 Dead Tibetans	1 200 000 Dead Tibetans Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 100 numbered copies including a Compact-Disc, artwork items, drawings, photographs,...	2300 B.Fr.	* Box
KR-31-9502	DTA-WA-E	sMon-sThang / Lo A travel to one of the most remote areas of the World, a journey into time and history,...	T.B.A.	* Travel
KR-32-9502	DTA-WA-E	sMon-sThang / Lo A surprise event, big feast in himalayan traditional way...	T.B.A.	* Event
KR-33-9412	DTA-WA-E Ed.	Rangzen Benefit compilation on Tibet	T.B.A.	* CD

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If you want to get a copy of RAKSHA MANCHAM - "Ghazels" (KR-26-9406): Limited De-Luxe wood box-set edition of 100 numbered copies including a Compact-Disc, artwork items, drawings, photographs,... (Box) before long, please subscribe **very soon**. And pay by International Money Order (I.M.O.) to: Eric Fabry 1 D / Boite 1, rue du Ruchaux Be - 1490 Courst-Saint-Etienne Belgium. Prices including postage and packing costs are as follows: (Belgium): 1700 B.Fr., (Europe): 1750 B.Fr., (U.S.A. & Canada): 1800 B.Fr., (Japan): 1850 B.Fr., (Australasia): 1900 B.Fr., (Africa): 1950 B.Fr. No foreign cheques accepted as encashment charges are very heavy. Any other form of correspondance (apart registered mail) to our postal address: DTA-WA-E (Eric Fabry) 23, rue de Chastre Be - 1325 Corroy-Le-Grand Belgium. You can phone for any question (preferably between 6 P.M. and 10 P.M. and between 10 A.M. and 10 P.M. on Sundays): (32).10.45.31.73.

TIBET ENDANGERED!!!

For many years, Raksha Mancham intends to attract your attention on the current situation of the Tibetan people.

One fourth of the population, one million and two hundred thousands Tibetans have already been victims of the genocide perpetrated by the Chinese (through extermination camps, torture, executions, starvation,...), the torture of Tibetans by Chinese occurs every day, more than six thousand and three hundred holy places (temples, monasteries,...) have been completely destroyed by the Chinese and secular art treasures have been sold by the Chinese outside the country, thousands of Tibetans are still in prison camps, they undergo forced sterilizations and forced abortions or even infanticides frequently practised by the Chinese, Chinese immigrants attempt to colonize Tibet by outnumbering the aboriginal population. We are currently attending the destruction of a unique civilization which is of capital importance for the whole humanity.

Time passes and nothing changes in the right direction for the Tibetan people. Their very existence is more threatened than ever: Tibet is dying under Chinese colonial aggression. In a very few years it will be too late. So now is the time to act for Tibet. This is the reason why we urgently appeal all the people interested in Raksha Mancham to:

- Read books to learn the truth about Tibet's past and present.

* Gompo Tashi ANDRUGTSANG: Four Rivers, Six Ranges - Reminiscences of the Resistance Movement in Tibet (A True Account of Khampa Resistance to Chinese in Tibet), (Dharamsala, Information and Publicity Office of His Holiness The Dalai Lama), 1973.

* John F. AVEDON: In Exile From The Land Of The Snows, (London, Wisdom Books), 1985 OR John AVEDON: En exil du pays des neiges, (Paris, Calmann-Levy), 1985..

* François DANGERS: Tashikiel - L'Étreinte légèrement mortelle du dragon, (Paris, Denoël), 1992.

* Pierre-Antoine DONNET: Tibet, Mort ou Vif, (Paris, Denoël), 1990.

* Jamiyang NORBU: Warriors Of Tibet. The Story Of Aten And The Khampa's Fight For Freedom, (London, Wisdom Books), 1987, OR Un cavalier dans la neige: l'assassinat du vieux Tibet - l'histoire d'Aten, un vieux guerrier Khampa, (Paris, Jean Maisonneuve), 1981.

* Michel PEISSEL: Les cavaliers du Kham, (Paris, Robert Laffont), 1972.

* Tsewang PEMBA: Tibet, l'an du Dragon, (Paris, Maisonneuve & Larose), 1975.

* Isabelle VAN GEEM: Crier avant de mourir - La tragédie du Tibet, (Paris, Opera Mundi & Robert Laffont), 1977.

* International Commission of Jurists: Tibet And The Chinese People's Republic, (Geneva, International Commission of Jurists), 1960 OR Commission Internationale de Juristes: Le Tibet et la République Populaire de Chine, (Genève, Commission Internationale de Juristes), 1960, .

* International Commission of Jurists: The Question Of Tibet And The Rule Of Law, (Geneva, International Commission of Jurists), 1959 OR Commission Internationale de Juristes: La question du Tibet et la Primauté du Droit, (Genève, Commission Internationale de Juristes), 1959.

We shall sell postcards, stamps, stickers and Tibetan National flags for Tibet.

All elements (except the Tibetan National Flags) will be printed black on yellow. Postcards will cost 10 Belgian Francs each. Stamps will be printed by Bruce Licher of Savage Republic at Independant Project Press. They will be printed in sheets of 18 stamps and each sheet will be sold at 100 Belgian Francs. Stickers will be sold 10 BEF each. Tibetan National Flags will be sold at 1000 BEF each.

We are still collecting money for the Tibetan refugees of Tashi Ling village / settlement (near Pokhara, Nepal)

In a very few years it will be too late. So now is the time to act for Tibet. This is the reason why we urgently appeal all the people interested in Raksha Mancham to:

- Write letters to newspapers and magazines to keep Tibet in the news. Please remember that letters need not always be written only to refute some mistaken report. Most newspapers will print which express your concern or opinion on a particular issue which may or may not have been previously reported in the news. They will also print letters giving facts and figures on specific issues like imprisonment, torture, deforestation, culturicide... On that occasion, insist that Tibet is not limited to the so called Autonomous Region of Tibet created by the Chinese but includes as well the Chinese Qinghai province, the Western part of the Sichuan province, and parts of the Yunnan and Gansu provinces of China. This is important! Also the fact that Tibetan cultural identity is denied by the Chinese: Lha-Sa - the place of the Deities - has been renamed La-Sa (senseless name) under Chinese rule, Shigatse has been renamed Rekesse,... Also many Chinese speak about something round 3.5 million Tibetans in their official census. The fact is that hundreds of thousands of Tibetan people have been considered as Lhopa, Mönpa, Lisu,... So the real numbers of Tibetan people under occupation by China is high up to 3.5 millions. The International Commission of Jurists concluded in its reports on Tibet that China committed the crime of genocide (the heaviest crime against persons) in Tibet and violated 16 points of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

- Write letters to your government and to your elected representatives (Members of Parliament, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Head of State or Prime Minister,...) to draw their attention to the ongoing tragedy in Tibet and to the imminent threat to the survival of the Tibetan people and their culture. You can clearly ask them to react in favour of Tibet. The impact of public opinion in our democratic states should not be neglected. So speak about Tibet to your friends and family and ask them to write in favour of Tibet too.

- Write to the United Nations to remind them that the problem of Tibet is far from over and urge them to actively seek to implement the three resolutions that the United Nations General Assembly has passed on Tibet: Resolution 1353 (XIV) of 21 October 1959, 1723 (XVI) of 20 December 1961 and 2079 (XX) of 18 December 1965. In particular the United Nations should be called upon to seek the implementation of Resolution 1514 (XV) of December 14, 1960 entitled "Declaration on the granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples". This is one of the most important resolutions of the United Nations and has a direct bearing on China's colonial rules in Tibet and the aspiration of the Tibetan people for independence. It should also be borne in mind that the United Nations has declared the 1990's as the 'Decade of Anti-Colonialism'. While the desire of the United Nations to end colonialism during the next decade is highly laudable it is sad that Tibet, the largest country under the worst form of colonial rule is not even on the U.N.'s list of colonies.

- Subscribe to the Tibet Information Network to be immediately informed about any event in Tibet. Contact us for address and subscription conditions.

- Join us to support the Tibetans in their legitimate struggle for their basic Human Rights.

- Join the International Friends of Tibetan Youth Congress in order to support directly the Tibetan people. You can financially help the Tibetan Youth Congress or provide them with some office equipment, make donations in form of subscription to international newspapers,...

- Contact us in case you need any information about Tibet and Tibetan culture. Also if you have any original idea to promote information on the current situation in Tibet.

- Our friends in the United States of America are invited to write their President Mr. Bill Clinton, requesting him not to renew the Most Favoured Status for China in 1994. You should know that for the first time the Most Favoured Nations Status for China includes a specific clause about Tibet. We are afraid that the clause is too limited as it mentions cultural and religious specific identity of the Tibetan people and does not promote the full respect of basic Human Rights of the Tibetans including the right for self-determination. Also it should consider the rights for the Tibetans to recover the independence they traditionally enjoyed. It should be said that Tibet was an independent country before 1950 and has been declared an occupied country - it is illegally occupied as it was invaded by force in 1950 - by the U.S. Senate.

- Our friends in Belgium are invited to write their elected representatives at the national parliament to suggest them to support the parliamentary resolution we initiated about Tibet. And also to invite them to participate to the Tibet Group which already exists at the Belgian Parliament. List of addresses of your representatives are available at our address.

It is now up to you to take your own responsibility to clearly see what has already been lost and what is to be lost in the future years.