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Greenbrae, Calif., June 1, 2007 - MarinLink's New Nonprofit Project: Tara Malas for the Nangchen Nuns - Creating A Sustainable Cottage Industry for the Nangchen Nuns of Tibet. First Fundraising Event: Tango Meets Tibet!

Mantra Malas Creations founder, Celedra Gildea, has partnered with MarinLink to create a non-profit entity for the Nangchen Nuns Project. Kicking off the project will be a fundraiser on June 22nd at Sausalito's Stage Dor dance studio entitled "Tango Meets Tibet".

Tara Malas project, collaboration with Sukhasiddhi Foundation and Pundarika Foundation, will raise public awareness about the current living conditions of the Nangchen Nuns, as well as provide the nuns with a means toward a self-sustaining economy.

The economy of Tara Malas will be initiated with hand delivered materials and a 2-3 week instruction period wherein the local villagers will hone their new craft. After the malas (prayer beads) are made, they will be taken to the Nunnery for the bestowal of prayers and blessings by the nuns, as deemed by Tsoknyi Rinpoche.

The initial project will involve the production of approximately two hundred wrist malas. The monasteries will receive all of the proceeds from the international sale of malas, after marketing, shipping and inventory.

"These women embody the full richness of Buddhist love, compassion and wisdom in female form. It's quite rare, I think. If this light of tradition is gone from this earth, even though we have text, the experiential warmth and blessings of this living women's tradition is gone forever," said Tsoknyi Rinpoche III, speaking of the Nangchen Nuns. The Cultural Revolution of the 1960s destroyed many Tibetan Buddhist nunneries. It is estimated that more than 3000 nuns were killed and the remaining practitioners fled into the mountains to preserve their endangered culture.

Despite these oppressive and treacherous circumstances, these women continue to devote their lives to the ancient traditions that bring light to our planet. Today the Nangchen Nuns are returning, and with Tsoknyi Rinpoche III's help, they are rebuilding their nunneries and reviving their unique, ancient way of life.

Event Details: Tango Meets Tibet. This event is being held to raise \$50,000 in order to establish a local cottage industry (of creating malas) to support the Nangchen Nuns in Tibet. A silent and live auction will be held and there will be an outstanding Tango performance by the renowned Gustavo and Jesica Hornos

Friday June 22nd, 2007

Silent Auction begins at 6pm

Dancing until Midnight!

Ticket price: \$50.00 per person

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To purchase tickets online: <http://www.taramalas.com>

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