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Echoes from the Himalayas

Tibetan music & Indian classical dance to celebrate Losar-Tibetan New Year

***March 10, 2017 – 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Keene Valley Congregational Church
Keene Valley, New York***

(Keene, NY) Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve will host an intimate evening of Tibetan music with Techung Jhola and Indian classical dance performance with Sisa Salgado. The artists from Tibet and Ecuador, respectively, now live in Lake Placid. The concert will be held on Friday, March 10th, 2017 at the Keene Valley Congregational Church (KVCC) in Keene Valley, NY beginning at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Doors open at 6:15 pm for early seating.

Principals from Adirondack Wild have previously led exchanges from Tibet to the Adirondacks in partner parks exchanges between protected territories from northern India, the Tibetan Himalaya and Nepal with the Adirondack Park. Dan Plumley, Partner with Adirondack Wild is coordinating the event and led the prior exchanges in addition to other several other international exchanges from Russia-Siberia, Tuva, Mongolia, Bhutan and China.

“I am thrilled that Techung and Sisa can share their mesmerizing music, instrumentals and ancient dance form with us in Keene,” stated Dan Plumley, adding, “their performance offers sound and visual artistry that carries one’s mind, heart and soul to far flung high Tibetan plateaus and the sacred sights of southeast India. It is not to be missed!”

The event fee is \$ 15 per person at the door (and free for all accompanied children 12 and under). The Keene Valley Congregational Church is located within the hamlet of Keene Valley on the south side of Route 73. Parking is along the road and also on a parking lot behind the church assessable from Market Street.

Techung is a Tibetan folk and freedom singer/songwriter grew up in Dharamshala, India, the seat of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, where his family and thousands of other Tibetans resettled from their native Tibet. At the age of 9 he was enrolled in *Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts* (TIPA). He studied all aspects of the Tibetan performing arts - folk, court, and opera - through the oral teaching tradition used by venerated Tibetan elders.

He has recorded over fifteen musical albums and also provided original scores for films and collaborated with world-renowned musicians such as Phillip Glass, blues master Keb Mo. Along with such musicians as Patti Smith, Iggy Pop, and others Techung has performed at the famous Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Ecuadorian actress/anthropologist Sisa Salgado fell in love with Indian classical dance, particularly *Bharatanatyam*, which is considered one of the most sophisticated and graceful dance-art in the world. Sisa studied dance from Indian masters and has performed in South America, Asia, Europe and the US.

From 2012, Sisa lead a cultural project called 'The Dance Road' and has travelled to several countries in Asia learning from elder artists and offering workshops to adults and children. This project aims to preserve and promote traditional dances from Asia and share this knowledge and connections with indigenous cultures across the American continent.

Together they bring centuries-old culture and historical connections between Tibet and India through their music and dance. In today's complex and uncertain world, celebrating and witnessing ancient culture not only brings us together but also contributes to shaping the future of our community through art.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the performance in order that guests can meet Techung and Sisa directly where CD's of their music and arts and crafts will be available for purchase.

Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve is a not for profit, membership organization which advances New York's "Forever Wild" legacy and Forest Preserve policies in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, and promotes public and private land stewardship consistent with wild land values through education, advocacy and research. More on the web: www.adirondackwild.org.

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