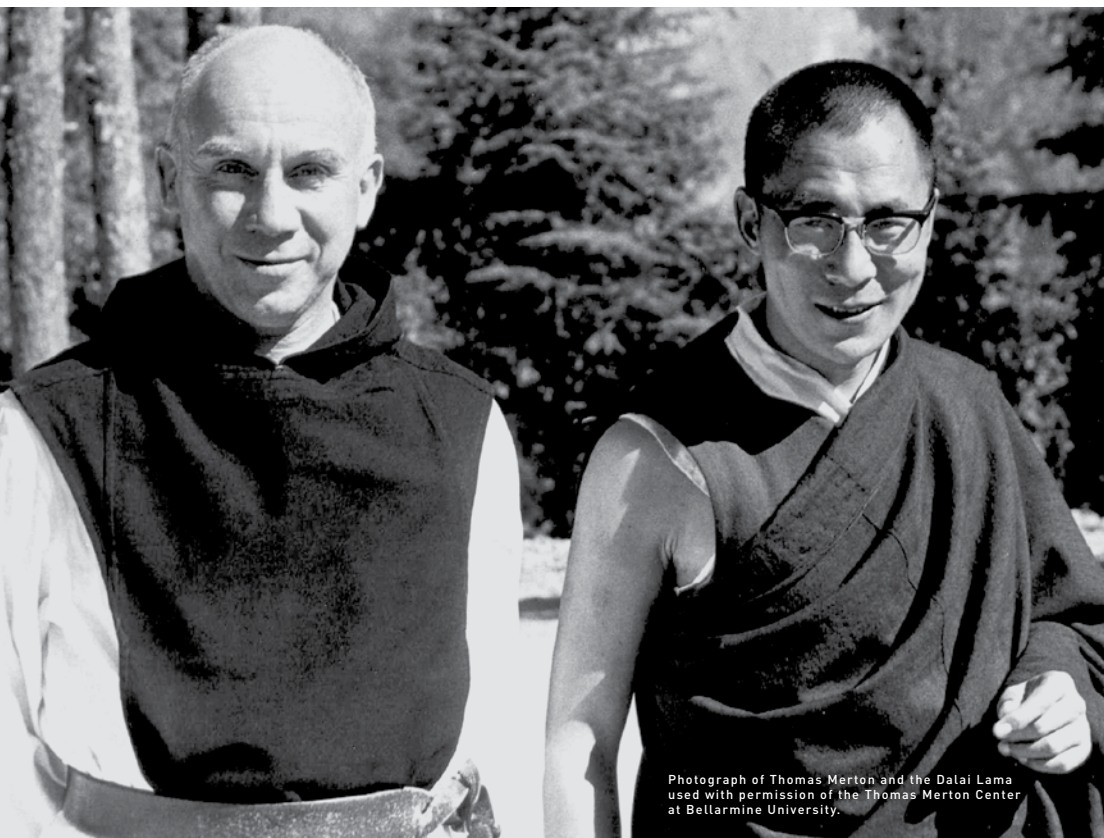


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The 2013 Festival of Faiths is dedicated to the historic meeting between Nobel Prize Laureate His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky.

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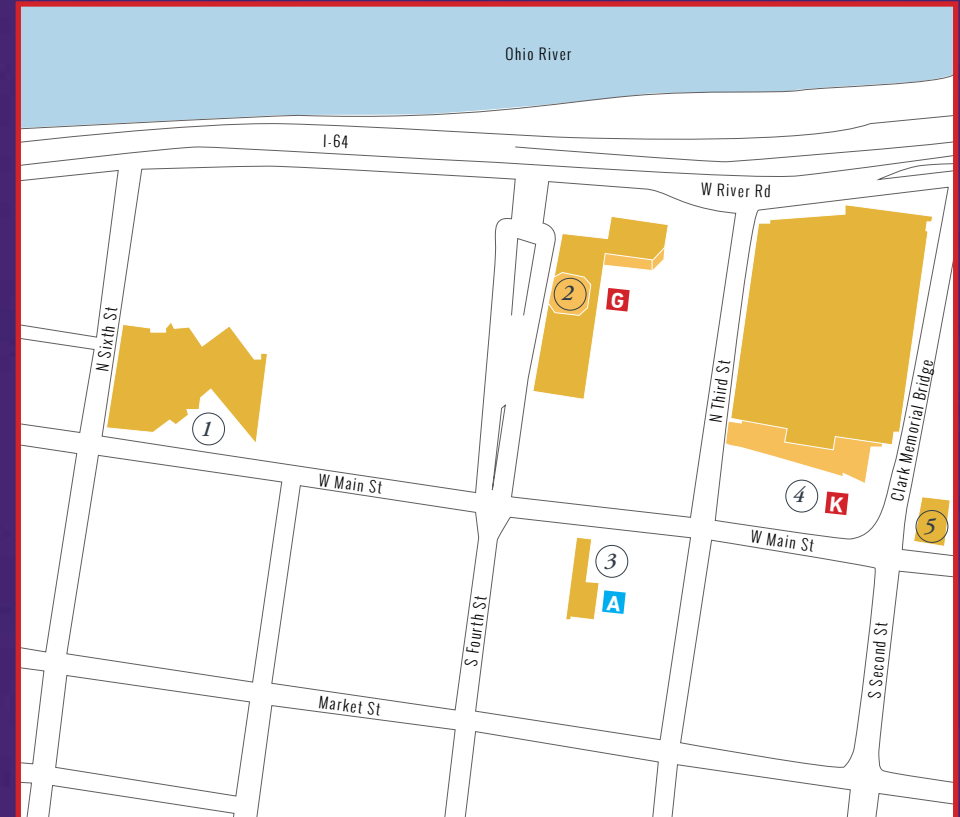
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DALAI LAMA: ENGAGING COMPASSION

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EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

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1. KENTUCKY CENTER FOR THE ARTS • MAY 21

Dalai Lama will talk to middle-school and high-school students

2. GALT HOUSE HOTEL • MAY 17 - 18 **G**

Festival of Faiths Programming

3. ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE • MAY 14 - 17 **A**



Festival of Faiths Programming

4. KFC YUM! CENTER • MAY 19 - 20 **K**

Dalai Lama Public Talk May 19 and Public Teachings May 20

5. WHISKEY ROW GALLERY • MAY 13 - 22

Ralph Eugene Meatyard's 1967-68 Photography of Thomas Merton Exhibit

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THE MAY 2013

FESTIVAL of FAITHS

TUESDAY, MAY 14

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE: A CALL TO COMPASSION • 10 AM - 11 AM • CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION

The 2013 Festival of Faiths will open with an interfaith service, A Call to Compassion. This call is heard in every faith tradition because it is heard in every heart. It is a call heard in sacred silence, which directs attention from the self to the other, creating a pathway to compassion. Local faith leaders will recall the observance of Sacred Silence within their respective houses of worship through their sharing of prayers or readings reflective of their religious traditions.

COST: Free and open to all who wish to attend

MIND AT EASE - WHY WE MEDITATE AND THE WAY OF THE BODHISATTVA

1 PM - 5:30 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, *Retreat Master at Longchen Jigme Samten Ling retreat center in Colorado*

The first portion of the program will provide a basic introduction to Tibetan Buddhism, then look more closely at the reasons why we meditate. We often find ourselves struggling with our inner lives of thoughts and emotions as they relate to the pain and uncertainty of life around us. How does the mind rest at ease with its world? Meditation is a powerful means of working with challenges and helps us habituate our mind to a different way of understanding and relaxing with experience.

The second half of the program will focus on the practice of bearing witness – which lies at the heart of all true spiritual practice as a freeing, emboldening and poignant approach to life that allows us to respond with clarity. Namgyel will ask the audience to engage in the practice of open questioning with her while she takes a fresh look at all the assumptions and beliefs we have about spirituality. Audiences have repeatedly commented on how this approach has reinvigorated their meditation practice and how this relates to their lives as a whole. Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$25

WHEN THE IRON BIRD FLIES: TIBETAN BUDDHISM ARRIVES IN THE WEST

7 PM - 9 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

A film directed by **Victress Hitchcock**

COST: Free/Ticket is required (Must order tickets by phone. 502-584-1205)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

GUIDED MEDITATION • 9 AM - 10 AM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Gerardo Abboud, *President of the Dongyuling Buddhist Centre in Argentina*

Abboud will demonstrate how, although there are many types of meditations, a common thread to all of them is the cultivation of mindfulness and awareness. Through these we can find calmness and clarity in our minds, from where genuine compassion and loving kindness can arise.

COST: Free/Ticket is required (Must order tickets by phone. 502-584-1205)

A PATHWAY TO COMPASSION • 10 AM - 12 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Bishop Marc Andrus, *Episcopal Diocese of California*

The Sakyong, Jamgön Mipham Rinpoche, *Head of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage and Shambhala International*

The speakers will present their understanding of the relationship between practices of inner silence and the expression of compassion in daily living and our culture. Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$10

OUT OF SILENCE SOMETHING IS BORN THAT LEADS TO SILENCE ITSELF

1 PM - 2:30 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Fr. Martin Laird, *author and Professor of Early Christian Studies at Villanova University*

Silence is both porous and generous enough to receive both noise and no-noise and forms the ground from which we both see through the illusion of our separation from God and are trained by the ordeals (depression, anxiety, despair) of life rooted in the Mystery in Whom we live and move and have our being. Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$10

FINDING GOD IN THE DEPTHS OF SILENCE • 3 PM - 5:30 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Fr. Richard Rohr, *ecumenical teacher and author*

Rohr will share his perspective on Silence as the only thing broad enough and deep enough to hold all of the contradictions and paradoxes of Full Reality and our own reality, too. 99.9% of the known universe is silent, and it is in this space that the force fields of life and compassion dwell and expand. We can live there too! Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$10

MERTON IN HIS OWN VOICE • 7 PM - 9 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Audio recordings of Thomas Merton teaching the novices at Gethsemani. The excerpts focus on the theology of prayer.

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KARMA AND THE IMPERATIVE OF COMPASSION • 10 AM - 12 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Dungse Jampal Norbu, *Buddhist teacher*

"Karma" is one of Buddhism's most well-known contributions to popular culture, but what does it really mean? Buddhism defines karma as action and result, cause and effect. It is the natural law of the world we live in. Some might say it is the web within which we are caught. But experience shows us that positive actions yield positive results, and negative actions, negative outcomes. In other words, we are shaped by our karma, but we can influence it as well. The imperative to act compassionately, then, means that we can chart a course towards a positive future for ourselves and others.

COST: \$10

THE SACRED ART OF SILENCE • 1 PM - 2:30 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE

Arjia Rinpoche, *chosen by the Dalai Lama to direct the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center in Bloomington, Indiana*
Rajiv Mehrotra, *writer, television producer-director, documentary film producer, and Founding Trustee of the Foundation for Universal Responsibility of His Holiness the Dalai Lama*

Topics will focus on Arjia Rinpoche's witness to the Tibet-China conflict, his inner-spiritual life while spending several years in hard labor with other lamas and monks, and his work to raise awareness about Buddhism and Tibetan culture in the United States. Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$10



SACRED SILENCE AND HINDUISM • 3 PM - 5:30 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE
Simply and Surprisingly Explained

Swami Siddheshvari Devi Ji (Didi Ji), *Founder of Radha Madhav Society*

Swami DiDi Ji will discuss the eternal Vedas and Vedic scriptures, which proclaim that God is unconditionally merciful and compassionate. When we retreat in silence and meditate on Him, we open our heart and begin to receive His countless blessings. By loving Him we become recipients of His grace, and transform into compassionate beings. Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$10

YANGSI... REINCARNATION IS JUST THE BEGINNING • 7 PM - 9 PM • ACTORS THEATRE OF LOUISVILLE
A film directed by **Mark Elliott**

COST: Free/Ticket is required (Must order tickets by phone. 502-584-1205)

FRIDAY, MAY 17

GUIDED MEDITATION • 9 AM - 10 AM • GALT HOUSE

Gerardo Abboud, *President of the Dongyuling Buddhist Centre in Argentina*

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SACRED SILENCE AND SCIENCE • 10 AM - 12 PM • GALT HOUSE

Compassion from a Buddhist's and a Neuroscientist's Perspectives

Matthieu Ricard, *Buddhist monk, author and photographer*

James Doty, MD, *Founder and Director of the Center for Compassion and Altruism Research and Education at Stanford University*

Compassion has been a fundamental precept of essentially every religious tradition and for many is what defines our humanity. While clearly caring for those who are suffering results in significant benefit to the receiver, science has now shown that such behavior offers profound benefit to the giver in regard to mental and physical health and to longevity. There is now a body of evidence that demonstrates that through mental training practices such as meditation, one will benefit with improved health and greater sense of fulfillment and happiness.

COST: \$10

SACRED SILENCE FROM THE JEWISH PERSPECTIVE • 1 PM - 2:30 PM • GALT HOUSE

Rabbi Arthur Green, *scholar of Jewish mysticism and Neo Hasidism and rector of Hebrew College's Rabbinical School.*

Rabbi Arthur Green will deal with the subtle interplay of language and silence in the spiritual act of prayer, where mind and mouth give word to the heart's silent outpourings. Our Torah, too, is a verbalizing of silence, the silence of God. It is in the spoken word that our twin silences meet, rediscovering that they are One. Book-signing to follow.

COST: \$10



SACRED SILENCE IN SUFISM AND THE VEDANTA • 3 PM - 5:30 PM • GALT HOUSE

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *scholar on Islamic science and Sufism*

Swami Atmarupananda, *scholar, teacher, and Monk of the Ramakrishna Order of India, a monastic organization dedicated to the teaching of Vedanta*

Compassion as being intrinsic to who we really are – the true Self, the “image of God” which is free of all alienation. And that is wisdom itself, love itself, discovered in inner silence – the still point that unites us both to God and the universe.

COST: \$10



SATURDAY, MAY 18

SACRED SILENCE: PATHWAY TO COMPASSION • 9 AM - 3 PM • GALT HOUSE

Matthieu Ricard, *molecular biologist turned Buddhist monk, author and photographer*

Swami Siddheshvari Devi Ji (Didi Ji), *Founder of Radha Madhav Society*

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In keeping with the Dalai Lama's wishes to include interfaith events at each of his travel destinations, the Festival of Faiths' signature event will feature world-renowned experts on contemplative practice and compassion. They will discuss the nature of “sacred silence” from the perspective of the great faith traditions. The program will begin with an introduction by **Arjia Rinpoche**, who was chosen by the Dalai Lama to direct the Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center. (The program will break for lunch from 1 pm to 2 pm.)

COST: \$25

COMPASSIONATE GOVERNING BANQUET • 6 PM - 9 PM • GALT HOUSE

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer will host a group of distinguished elected officials from around the country to discuss compassion in government.

COST: \$25 (NOTE – Tickets to attend this event are not available as part of day passes or week passes.)



SUNDAY, MAY 19

GROWING UP WITH MEDITATION - A DISCUSSION BETWEEN MOTHER AND SON
10 AM - 11:30 AM • GALT HOUSE

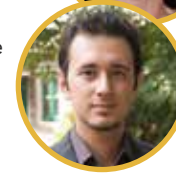
Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, *Retreat Master at Longchen Jigme Samten Ling retreat center in Colorado*

Dungse Jampal Norbu, *renowned Buddhist teacher*

Moderated by Jonathan Bastian from Louisville Public Media.

Dungse Jampal Norbu grew up in a dharma family. His mother, Elizabeth Mattis Namgyel, is the wife and student of Dzigar Kongtrul Rinpoche. Together they will share their unique experience of having dharma at the very core of family life and look at the riddle we all face: how to transform our closest relations, with all their love and struggle, into developing compassion.

COST: \$25



EXHIBITS

Exhibits of art, photography, and artifacts presented by the Festival of Faiths and its partner organizations celebrate the historic 1968 meeting in India of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Thomas Merton of the Abbey of Gethsemani.



ZEN CAMERA: GENE MEATYARD AND THOMAS MERTON

5/13 - 5/22/13 • 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Whiskey Row Gallery • 131 West Main Street • Louisville, KY 40202

A collection of Ralph Eugene Meatyard photographs of Thomas Merton. Exhibit includes the first public appearance of eight Thomas Merton calligraphies.

For more information, see www.festivaloffaiths.org.

A HIDDEN WHOLENESS: THE ZEN PHOTOGRAPHY OF THOMAS MERTON • 5/7 - 6/2/13

McGrath Art Gallery, Bellarmine University • 2001 Newburg Road • Louisville, KY 40205

An exhibit of 35 photographs by Thomas Merton that express the Zen perception of our immediate world as ever changing, impermanent, but with a unity of all things.

For more information, see www.merton.org/dalailama.

THOMAS MERTON AND THE DALAI LAMA SPECIAL EXHIBIT

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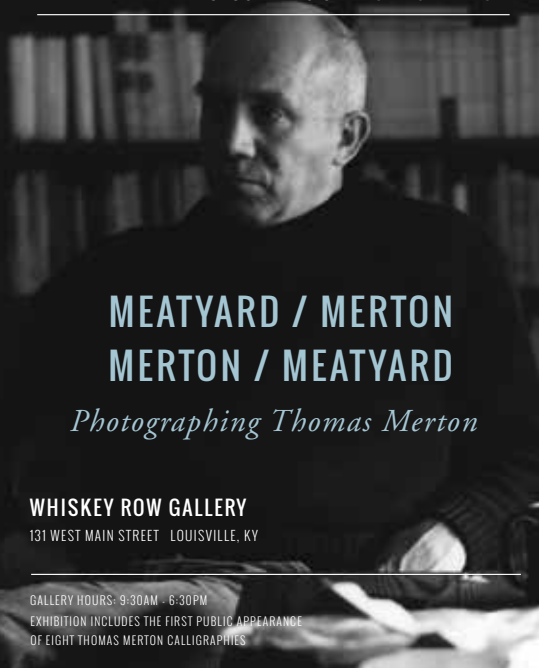
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The Thomas Merton Center at Bellarmine University, the official repository of Thomas Merton's literary estate, is host to this special exhibit of artifacts relating to Thomas Merton's historic November 1968 meeting with His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

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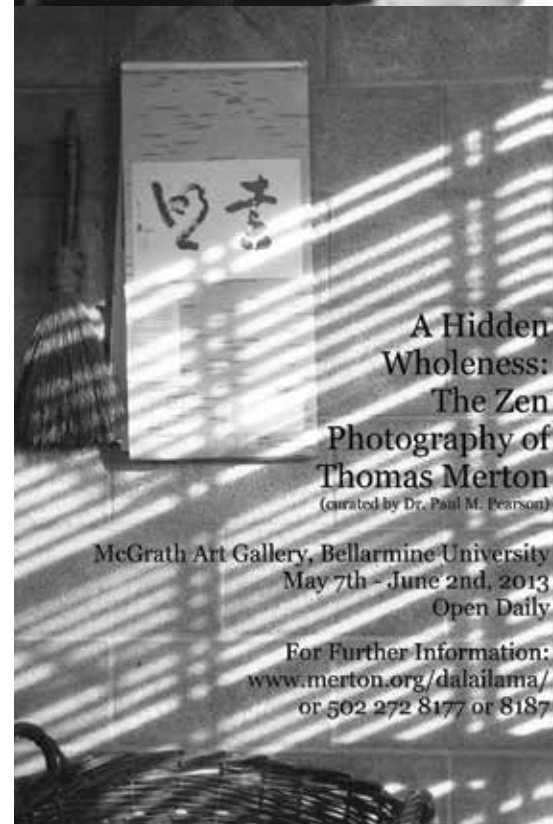
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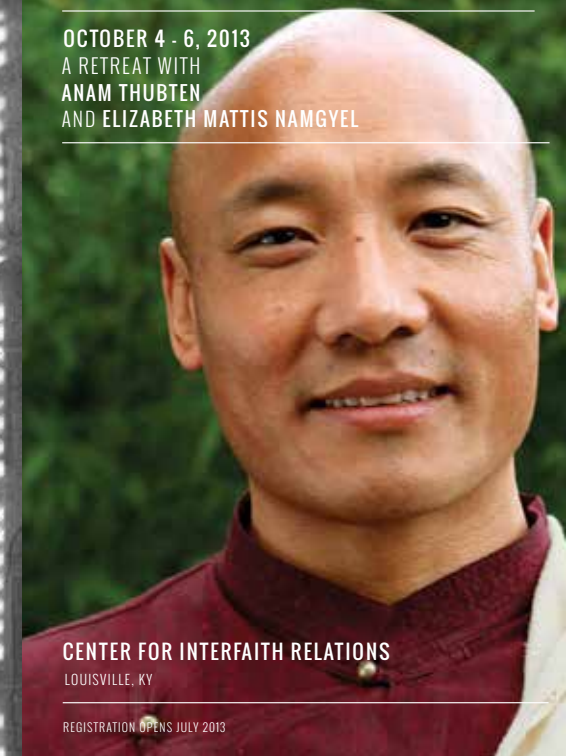


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SUNDAY, MAY 12



TIBETAN DOCUMENTARY AND RALLY FOR TIBET • 6:30 PM • CLIFTON CENTER

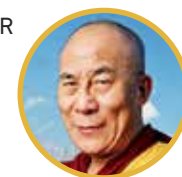
The event will feature a screening of *Fire Under the Snow*, a documentary film about Buddhist monk and 33-year political prisoner Palden Gyatso.

SUNDAY, MAY 19



PUBLIC TALK BY HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA • 2 PM - 4 PM • KFC YUM! CENTER

Festival of Faiths interfaith leaders will join His Holiness the Dalai Lama for his public talk, which will focus on how individuals can engage with compassion from their own religious tradition in order to build world peace.



MONDAY, MAY 20



PUBLIC TEACHING BY HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA • 9 AM - 3:30 PM • KFC YUM! CENTER

The two-part public teaching, "Atisha's Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment" is for those who wish to explore and deepen their understanding of the Buddhist faith.



TIBETAN FREEDOM CONCERT • 8 PM • W.L. LYONS BROWN THEATRE

Featuring performances by Ben Sollee and musicians from Kentucky and Tibet. Proceeds benefit the Drepung Gomang Institute, the host organization of Engaging Compassion and His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

COST: Tickets are \$25, \$40 and \$75. Call 502-584-7777 to order.

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