



opening the heart with a message of LOVE, HARMONY & BEAUTY as given to us by Hazrat Inayat Khan

Thy Music causeth my soul to dance.

Hazrat Inayat Khan



Harpsongs

lyrics on light, love, unity, music and nature; appealing songs of SUFI teachers/pupils; performed by Mirabai, pro Deo.

Lean back, tune in, it's here for you

Sep/Nov 2019 1: concert, entree: €10 (for the organiser, incl. 1 free cd Mirabai)
2: concert, free donation (for the organiser, incl. 1 free cd Mirabai)
3: service, free donation (for the organiser), cd Mirabai: €5 each

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Sep 22 14-15u: 1

Sep 8 16³⁰-17³⁰H: **1**

Oct 6 13-14H: 1

Salon Jeltje (near Freemason Lodge)

Oct 20 13-14H: 1

Nov 3 13-14H: 1

Eckart Valley Chapel

Oct 13 11H: 3 + 13H: 2

Sep 15 16³⁰-17³⁰H: **1**

Universal Harpsongs, the MAGIC of MUSIC...

Inayat and his three brothers came from India to Europe. Their music touched the hearts of many with a Message of Love, Harmony and Beauty, a kind of travel guide for The Way of the Heart.

In 1926 the six-year-old Lysbeth was touched by Inayat. Lysbeth (Ratan) became a pianist and composer with a refined sense for the power of simplicity. She married economist Johannes (Karimbakhsh), who lived 'The Way of the Heart' too, and wrote inspiring books about it. They lived in Wassenaar (NL).

In Switzerland Inayat's eldest brother appeared in dreams of the little Anita's mother. Anita (Amiran) became zazen with kinhin guide. She married pianist and conservatory teacher Hakiem, both coming from a family that followed 'The Way of the Heart'. In Arnhem they opened home and heart for who liked to come. From 1978-1999 Sufi Center Arnhem grew enormously due to their inspiring attitude. In gratitude for them, the concert in Arnhem will take place just around the corner of their former house in the Handelstraat.

In Amsterdam as well as The Hague, Mirabai studied singing, conducting and composing. She too found 'The Way of the Heart', matching her universal feeling. Lysbeth heard her singing with a refined sense for the power of simplicity, and asked: "Would you like to make music at my lectures? Sing my songs? Conduct the Sufi choir? Give me singing lessons?". That is how their warm and beautiful house in Wassenaar became a second home to Mirabai.

In 1991 she continued to work in The Hague, but moved to Arnhem. This way she met Anita and Hakiem. He became her guide. Together they made music during services and gave concerts, especially with songs from the Indian brothers, which he had received firsthand. That is how the house of Anita and Hakiem in Arnhem became a second home to Mirabai.

The son of Inayat's middle brother, a musicologist/ historian, helped Mirabai with the Eastern texts. Inayat's second son, violinist/ conductor/ composer, asked her to sing his songs. It was him, who gave her the Sufi name Mirabai (मीराबाई: an Indian princess and singer-songwriter, who sang about divine Love). Mirabai wrote a song for this violinist on Inayat's Invocation. He accepted the song, surprised and gratefully, as his birthday gift on August 6, 1993. This song has been included in the concert program.

After Hakiem's death, Johannes from Wassenaar became her guide. In collaboration with him she released a CD on 2018 April 1, Easter and Lysbeth's 99th birthday: Feeling Thine Arms around me – Ode to Murshida Ratan. She sang some harpsongs of this cd on his 97th birthday, next to the grand piano that Lysbeth had been playing so many times.

Among the many guests was the musicologist, who asked Mirabai to sing music from his father as harp songs too. Because of his request, this concert series with music from Sufi teachers/ students was born, including the idea to release a new CD. Unfortunately it was not possible to find out who owns the music rights of Inayat's oldest and youngest brother. That is why their beautiful songs have been omitted.

In September 2018 there has been a concert series with CD of Old & Folk harpsongs' and five sufi songs. On April 1, 2019, Mirabai phoned Johannes to commemorate the 100th birthday of his wife. Both not knowing that he himself would die 22 days later. She composed Inayat's 'Prayer for the Dead' for him, and sang this harp song during the memorial service in the more than full Universel in Katwijk.

And now the time has come, in collaboration with Sufi centers and various organizations, there are even 10 Sunday concerts from September 1 upto November 3, 2019, and the <u>Universal Harpsong CD</u>. The audience can choose from the 3 CDs.

May the Message of Love resound in the hearts of the listeners, and echo around.

Titles and names of the above mentioned persons: Hazrat (Highness) Inayat-khan and his three brothers. Inayat's oldest (half) brother: Pir-o-Murshid (leader of spiritual guides/ teachers) Ali-khan. Inayat's middle brother: Mir Pyarumian (Hindustani for Maheboob-khan) Maheboob-khan. Inayat's youngest brother: Pir-o-Murshid Musharaff-khan. Inayat's second son: Pir-o-Murshid Hidayt Inayat-khan, third child of Inayat. The son of Inayat's middle brother: Shaikh-ul-Mashaik (supreme chief teacher) Mahmood Youskine-khan. The girl who met Inayat in 1926, Lysbeth de Vries Feyens: Murshida (highest spiritual guide) Ratan Witteveen. Her husband who had a lot of contact with Inayat's oldest brother, Johannes Witteveen: Murshid (highest spiritual guide) Karimbakhsh, just like the Swiss Shaikha Anita Bernoulli, Amiran van Lohuizen and her husband, Shaikh Hakiem (later Jelal-ud-din) from Lohuizen.

Universal Sufism

In Universal Sufism we let everyone free to find their own way toward the Eternal and Only God. If you go the Sufi path (The Way of the Heart), you simply remain loyal to your religion. Sufism is not a religion, but an ongoing practice and attunement, an attitude to life. All people are 'murids', students who are able to learn lessons on their path of life.

In the Universal Worship we kindle candles for 1 Hinduism, 2 Buddhism, 3 Zoroastrianism, 4 Judaism, 5 Christianity and 6 the Islam, as a symbol of the light that these six main religions bring to the world. Then we kindle a seventh candle for 'all who did uphold the light of truth in the darkness of human ignorance.'. Near each candle are corresponding Holy Scriptures, and in the middle, near the seventh candle, are Sufi scriptures. From all of these books we read on a varying theme. This way we have seen that there are many similarities between the various religions.

(the altar locations of the candles, numbered in the order of lighting: 1,2,3,7,4,5,6)

See video "The Way of the Heart" (Dutch subtitles): https://youtu.be/u-Mt0-Mkr8Q Dutch booklet with basic information on Universal Sufism: https://soefi.nl/universeelsoefisme

Invocation (song trial)

words: Hazrat Inayat Khan

Toward the One,

The Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty,

The Only Being,

United with all the illuminated souls.

Who form the embodiment of the Master,

The Spirit of Guidance.

Prayer for Healing (song trial)

words: Hazrat Inayat Khan (Nayaz)

Beloved Lord, Almighty God,

Through the rays of the sun,

Through the waves of the air,

Through the All-pervading Life in space,

Purify and revivify me,

And I ¹ pray,

Heal my ² body, heart and soul. Amen.

(1 or we; 2 or our/his/her/its/their)

Prayer for Protection and Happiness ³

words: Hazrat Inavat Khan (Nazar)

Oh Thou, the Sustainer of our body, heart and soul, Bless all that we receive in thankfulness. Amen.

(³ prayed e.g. before using meals)



Who?

song & wings: Mirabai

Smiling hearts meet and greet

Everywhere, eternally.

In robes of love and harmony Our radiant souls share beauty freely.

Known and unknown, seen and unseen,

All are one beyond our dreams.

Being hu-man, here to see

There is only us and we.

Blessing

words: Hazrat Inayat Khan

May the Blessing of God rest upon you,

May His Peace abide with you,

May His Presence illuminate your heart,

Now and forever more.

⁴ May the Message of God reach far and wide. ⁵Pour upon us Thy Love and Thy Light. ⁶ Disclose to us Thy Divine Light.

Prayer for Peace

words: Hazrat Inayat Khan

Send Thy peace, O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting, that our souls may radiate peace.

Send Thy peace, O Lord, that we may think, act, and speak harmoniously.

Send Thy peace, O Lord, that we may be contented and thankful for Thy bountiful gifts.

Send Thy peace, O Lord, that, amidst our worldly strife, we may enjoy Thy bliss.

Send Thy peace, O Lord, that we may endure all, tolerate all, in the thought of Thy grace and mercy.

Send Thy peace, O Lord, that our lives may become a divine vision, and in Thy light all darkness may vanish.

Send Thy peace, O Lord, our Father and Mother, that we, Thy children on earth, may all unite in one family.

(4/5/6 recited eleven times in morning, afternoon, evening)