

His Eminence Garchen Triptul Rinpoche



Will give teachings and Empowerments
Saturday January 13 –Tuesday January 16, 2007
in Clearwater & Tampa, Florida
Attendants: Lama Bunima & Lama Abao
Translator: Megan Howard

Location for Saturday and Sunday

Wah Lum Kung Fu School
1702 West Cass Street, Tampa

Saturday January 13,
7 to 9 PM

Public Talk: "Loving Kindness"

Sunday January 14
9 AM-Noon

Green Tara Empowerment
Noon-2 Lunch break
2-5 PM-Green Tara Teaching

Wah lum Kung Fu School's website:
www.wahlum.org/index.html

Following Sunday's teachings-Dinner at
Paula & Karl's house

4103 West Neptune Street, Tampa
Contact Paula or Karl (813) 287-9885
or e-mail Karl@ratnashri-tampabay.org or
Paula@ratnashri-tampabay.org

Location for Monday and Tuesday
Unitarian Universalist of Clearwater
Social Hall
2470 Nursery Road, Clearwater

9AM-Noon Vajrakilaya Empowerment
Noon-2PM—Lunch Break
2-5 PM-Vajrakilaya Practice & Teaching

Following Monday's teachings-Dinner hosted
by Khastel Dharma Garden (open to Sangha)
1730 Sherwood St. Clearwater

Contact Cindy (727) 441-3982 or email cindy@chirchward.com

Tuesday, January 16

9AM-Noon-Teaching on Vajra Songs of Milarepa
Noon-2PM-Light lunch break
2-5 Lama Chopa Guru Yoga Tsok (please bring finger foods to share)

Following Tuesday's teachings-Dinner at
Paula & Ralph house (open to the Sangha)

12733 Oakwood Drive, Hudson,
contact Ralph & Paula-(727) 868 8189
or e-mail rtesta3@tampabay.rr.com

To Schedule an interview please contact Richard
richard@ratnashri-tampabay.org or phone (727) 834-9308



SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

\$5 for Public Talk on Saturday evening
\$30 for Individual Sessions
\$60 for Full-Day Sessions, Saturday and Sunday.
No Suggested Donation for Lama Chopa Tsok in Clearwater on Sunday
\$ 150 Total for all Sessions or \$120, if paid in advance.
All are welcome. No one turned away due to lack of funds. Work study is available.

To pay in advance, please make check payable to *Ratnashri Sangha* and mail to
Laura Cummings
8403 Reynolds Drive
Hudson, FL 34667

His Eminence Garchen Rinpoche -Biography



His Eminence Garchen Rinpoche is a Drikung Kagyu lama who was known in the thirteenth century as the Siddha Gar Chodingpa, a heart disciple of Kyobpa Jigten Sumgon, founder of the Drikung Kagyu lineage of Tibetan Buddhism. In ancient India, he had incarnated as Mahasiddha Aryadeva, the lotus-born disciple of the great Nagarjuna. In the seventh century, he was known as Lonpo Gar, the minister of the Tibetan Dharma King Songsten Gampo.

Garchen Rinpoche was recognized and enthroned in eastern Tibet by the former Drikung Kyabgon Zhiwe Lodro. When he was seven, he was brought to Lho Miyal Monastery, which he administered from the age of eleven. Studying and practicing under the direction of the Siddha Chime Dorje, Garchen Rinpoche received vast and profound instructions on the preliminary practices (ngöndro), the fivefold practice of Mahamudra and the six yogas of Naropa.

Then, at the age of 22, after completing a two and a half year retreat, he was imprisoned for 20 years during the political turmoil of China's Cultural Revolution. While in the labor camp, he received meditation instruction from his root lama, the Nyingma master Khenpo Munsel. Enduring hardship and practicing secretly, Garchen Rinpoche attained realization of the lama's wisdom mind. Since his release from prison in 1979, Garchen Rinpoche has made great effort to rebuild the Drikung Kagyu monasteries, reestablish the Buddhist teachings, and build two boarding schools for local children in eastern Tibet. Rinpoche is the founder and spiritual director of the Garchen Buddhist Institute in Chino Valley, Arizona. Garchen Rinpoche is known for his vast realization, as well as for his great kindness.

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