

Stockton Hosts Creation, Destruction of Buddhist Medicine Mandala During Tibetan Culture Week

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Galloway, NJ – Stockton University will feature the construction and destruction of the Medicine Buddha Mandala during Tibetan Culture Week from **Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1**. The weeklong event will feature a series of activities presented by Tibetan monks from the Drepung Gomang Monastery as part of their [Sacred Art Tour](#). All events are free and open to the public.

The mandala, a geometric figure representing the universe in Hindu and Buddhist symbolism, will be worked on by the monks every day from about 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The creation of the intricate colored sand mandala is a Tibetan Buddhist tradition in which the mandala is ritualistically dismantled upon its completion. The destruction symbolizes the impermanent nature of material life.

Jongbok Yi, assistant professor of Asian Philosophy and Religion at Stockton, coordinated the monks' visit. The university's Production Services department will record the construction of the mandala to create a time-lapse video.

The schedule is as follows:

Throughout the Week

Construction of the Medicine Buddha Mandala
C-D Wing Atrium

Monday, March 28

Opening Ceremony
C-D Wing Atrium
9:30 a.m.

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Wednesday, March 30

Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy, Medicine and Meditation
Campus Center Theatre
8:30-11:30 a.m.

Tibetan Cooking Class

Location TBD

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*requires registration via email to Buddhist.rsc@gmail.com

Thursday, March 31

Performance: Tibetan Debate, Music and Sacred Dance
Campus Center Event Room 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 1

Closing Ceremony

C-D Wing Atrium

1 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Stockton's Buddhist Club, with support from Campus Religious Council, Student Senate, Holistic Health Minor, Holistic Health Club, the Wellness Center and the Office of Global Engagement.

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