

## Techung

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### **“For Peace in Tibet” Tour Launch: A celebration of Tibetan music and culture**

Atlanta – Techung’s “For Peace in Tibet” tour will reach scattered Tibetan communities throughout North America to celebrate the ancient and vulnerable culture of Tibet. Serving as stewards of culture and transmitting it through music to the global community, Techung and his band sing to inspire their fans to never give up the belief that their small community can succeed at maintaining its culture and regain freedom in their native Tibet through peace and nonviolence. In Summer 2013 they will tour throughout the West Coast, Midwest and East Coast. Techung and his band look forward to their debut appearance in Chicago.

May 3 Los Angeles, CA; 7:30pm Skirball Cultural Center, Magnin Auditorium 2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd

May 4 Berkeley, CA; 3:00pm & 7:00pm Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar Street (at Arch St.)

May 10 Minneapolis MN; 7:00pm Cedar Cultural Center, 416 Cedar Ave S

May 12 Chicago IL; 4:00pm Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Avenue

May 26 Rockport, MA; 7:00pm Shalin Liu Performance Center, 37 Main Street

Techung is regarded as the key-holder of traditional Tibetan music, having studied it formally in Dharamshala, India at the Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA), where he was a student and performer from the ages of 9 to 26. He now resides in the USA but tours regularly. Also known as Tashi Dhondup Sharzur, he uses his childhood nickname “Techung” as a moniker. Techung’s main instrument is his voice; he also plays long neck lute or *Dramnyen*, Tibetan fiddle or *Piwang* and bamboo flute or *Lingbu*.

After immigrating to the USA in 1989, Techung co-founded *Chaksampa* Tibetan Dance and Opera Company, performing traditional Tibetan opera throughout the U.S. Europe and Asia. Recently he founded a contemporary internationally touring band, Lhasa Spirits. He is a major force in the preservation of traditional Tibetan vocal and instrumental traditions, drawing on both his heritage and other musical traditions and can be heard on over 12 solo and collaborative albums. Techung is widely respected for the original solo and collaborative music he creates, joining with him on stage are the profoundly talented [Michel Tyabji](#), percussion; Kito Rodriguez, Bass and Rinzing Wangyal, Guitar.

Artist information:

Artist website: [www.techung.com](http://www.techung.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TechungPeaceInTibetTour?ref=hl>

Techung Youtube: <http://youtu.be/HPTgd29adnk>