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10th Annual
The Tibet Fund’s Gala
A Benefit Event for The Tibet Fund
Strengthening Tibetan Communities for a Sustainable Future

Honoring
SAM and CAROL NAPPI
THUPTEN JINPA

Hosted by
Chef Eric Ripert
with Chef Laurent Manrique, Chef Vikas Khanna,
Chef Bernard Guillias and Chef Thomas Raquel

Featuring
Traditional Tibetan Performances
and Silent Auction

Thursday, October 24, 2019
Reception at 6:30PM
Dinner at 7:30PM
LE BERNARDIN PRIVÉ
153 West 51st Street
New York, NY 10019
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SAM NAPPI
A Philanthropist, Entrepreneur and the founder and
Chairman of the Alliance Energy Group

CAROL NAPPI
A Philanthropist and a recipient of the National Jefferson Award
for community and public service

THUPTEN JINPA
Principal English translator to His Holiness the Dalai Lama
Chairman of Mind and Life Institute

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Chefs lending their culinary talents for the evening include:
Chef and co-owner of Michelin Guide three-starred restaurant
Le Bernardin, Eric Ripert; Chef Laurent Manrique from Cafe de
la Presse, San Francisco; Michelin Star Chef Vikas Khanna from
Junoon; Chef Bernard Guillias of The Marine Room and Chef
Thomas Raquel, Pastry Chef at Le Bernardin.

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Musical Performances and Auction of distinguished art and pho-
tography, special adventures, and luxury items will be held during
the Reception and Dinner.

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Thupten Jinpa is a former Tibetan monk who holds the Geshe Lharam degree, as well as a B.A. in philosophy and a Ph.D in religious studies, both from Cambridge University. Since 1985, he has been the principal English translator to H.H. the Dalai Lama and has translated and edited numerous books by the Dalai Lama, including the New York Times Bestsellers Ethics for the New Millennium and The Art of Happiness. Jinpa’s own publications include works in Tibetan, English translations such as Mind Training: The Great Collection and books, including Self, Reality, and Reason in Tibetan Philosophy, Dispelling the Darkness: A Jesuit’s Quest for the Soul of Tibet (co-authored) and A Fearless Heart: How the Courage to be Compassionate Can Transform Our Lives. Jinpa’s work in preservation and rejuvenation of classical Tibetan Buddhist culture and knowledge is widely recognized, especially his editing of the acclaimed 32-volume compilation The Library of Tibetan Classics series, publication of a modern grammar of classical Tibetan, and the development an ongoing series on Selected Indian Buddhist Classics. Jinpa is a well-known speaker in Tibetan community circles as well as at various international conferences on mindfulness, compassion, and contemplative science. He is the main author of CCT (Compassion Cultivation Training), an eight-week formal program developed at Stanford University; the founder and president of the Compassion Institute, the Chair of Mind and Life Institute, the founder of the Institute of Tibetan Classics, and an adjunct professor at the School of Religious Studies at McGill University. Jinpa lives in Montreal and is married with two daughters.
SAMUEL & CAROL NAPPI

Sam is an international businessman, philanthropist and entrepreneur. He is founder and Chairman of the Alliance Energy Group, a privately-owned electric power generation company serving 2 million households with operations in New York, Colorado, California, Alaska and New England.

Sam’s love of the arts and humanity inspired him to create World Harmony Productions. He built a music studio and has collaborated with legendary producers such as Phil Ramone, Don Was and multiple Grammy Award winning artists. Sam has developed film projects with DreamWorks, Warner Bros., Netflix and Treehouse Pictures. He co-produced with Alicia Keys, the acclaimed Broadway show “Stick Fly”. These endeavors are focused around projects with a social consciousness.

Carol has been involved in philanthropy for over 30 years servicing many domestic and international charities, regarding mental illness, Alzheimer’s, autism, the homeless, hunger, the visual and hearing impaired, drug addiction, domestic violence and child abuse. Carol is a recipient of the National Jefferson Award for her outstanding community and public service. She is on the board of Upstate Medical University school of nursing and a trustee elect of the SUNY college of forestry. Carol spent over twenty years as a group Psychiatric Therapist. She is also a business woman who has developed national holistic beauty products and is the founder and owner of THE SALON & Spa at Bergdorf Goodman. She is involved in the development of The Nappi longevity Institute at
Upstate Medical University devoted to brain health and wellness.

Carol & Sam have been intimately involved in their community for most of their lives, hosting many philanthropic events in New York, California and around the world. They have established programs with a national and global impact. Their “Common Ground for Peace” symposium featured His Holiness the Dalai Lama and seven Nobel Laureates, attended by 30,000 people, followed by a concert of 29 international recording artists and broadcast live to millions. Sam has been active in support of the Afghanistan people. He has helped many artists from the region in music theater and writing, like Voices of Afghanistan, which featured an ensemble of Afghan singers and musicians. A proud and memorable moment was inviting them to his studio to record “Tales of Afghanistan- Love Songs for Humanity.” Thousands of CD’s DVD & books have been distributed free to a network of street vendors throughout Afghanistan.

As a lifelong advocate of human equality, Sam is a steadfast defender of social injustice. He was the driving force to fund, preserve and digitalize over one million papers and videos of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the King Center in Atlanta. Sam helped to establish the Cold Case Justice Initiative at Syracuse University, which investigates and helps to prosecute unforgettable violent civil rights violations.

Sam’s contributions to academic and medical exploration include research and fellowship projects at Oxford University U.K., University of Southern California, The George Washington University, Syracuse University and Upstate Medical Center University in New York. Sam & Carol established a stem cell bioengineering lab at Syracuse University and have funded over 50 research projects between Syracuse University, Upstate Medical University and other collaborations. The Nappi Longevity Institute at Upstate University Hospital serves as the family’s cornerstone commitment, to enhancing brain health research and medical treatments, for the present and future of Alzheimer’s and other neurodegenerative diseases. The Nappi Surgical Tower, as well as Emergency Serve Center at St Joseph’s Hospital, helps to meet critical needs of the community.
Sam & Carol’s board work includes Education for Employment (EFE) which has created 100,000 jobs for unemployed youth, in the Middle East and North Africa and the Los Angeles Homeland Security Committee by appointment of Mayor Eric Garcetti. Sam has been an advisor on energy security to the White House, NSA, the United States Senate, and has collaborated with the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, DC on these issues. As former Chair of AltaSea at the Port of LA, Sam worked with a consortium of 17 Universities working to better understand the global warming of our oceans. He is a member of the SUNY Council which oversees the 64 institutions of higher education in New York State and is a life member of the Board of Trustees at Syracuse University.

Sam’s latest mission includes the assemblage of world religious and moral leaders, university chaplains, and higher education faculty to better understand the state of universal ethics in society, especially among high school and college students. Sam & Carol continue to dedicate themselves to effect change in our society through these continued endeavors.

Carol has most recently become the owner and developer of THE SALON & SPA at Bergdorf Goodman. Her mission concept of Mind, Body & Spirit is about beauty from within. She begins this fall with a quarterly lecture series focused on world thought leaders and women empowerment.

**THE TIBET FUND MISSION**

Our mission is to preserve the distinct cultural identity of the Tibetan people. Founded in 1981 under the patronage of HH the Dalai Lama, and as a recipient of Charity Navigator’s top-rated 4-star and GuideStar’s Platinum Seal of Transparency in 2019, The Tibet Fund continues to serve as the leading and most trusted nonprofit Tibetan humanitarian organization in the US working to preserve Tibet’s rich cultural heritage and empower Tibetan refugee communities.

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