

Loving the Silent Tears

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We thank Supreme Master Ching Hai for her splendid poetry collection *Silent Tears*, which inspired the musical *Loving the Silent Tears*. May this unique show, brought to life by so many brilliant artists and in the presence of a wonderful audience, serve to uplift and enrich all, just as we have been encouraged by the poet's heartfelt vision to make our planet a more beautiful place.



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*L*oving the Silent Tears is more than a musical. It is a celebration.

This remarkable show rejoices in the diversity of our world: Sixteen vibrant global cultures are presented through soaring music, astounding sets and costumes, and an impressive cast of singers and dancers. Moving deeper, the musical's book and lyrics weave the entrancing story of a magical journey and the crisscrossing paths of an older, disenchanted woman and a lost young man propelled on the way to self-discovery. It is a search for a meaningful existence and ultimately, an exaltation of finding peace within ourselves.

Musical theatre has always conveyed tales of love, ambition, and adversity through song and dance. With a topic that's more

unique than most, this musical is particularly deep yet highly entertaining. The theme revolves around the innate human longing to contact a higher power, or in the poet's words, "Loving the silent tears for You more than the diamonds of the world." Good theatre invites us to think, to question, and to aspire. *Loving the Silent Tears* does just that, providing aesthetic gratification while planting the seeds for further reflection.

Not all poetic pieces adapt easily to music, but Supreme Master Ching Hai's poems are absolute gems that sing with all the wit, heart, and delightful nuance one could ask for in exceptional

theatre. Throughout history, great poet-philosophers have eloquently expressed the thoughts we all have as mortals, when we wish we could somehow connect to something greater than ourselves. In her writings, Supreme Master Ching Hai incorporates a full range of authentic feelings, expressing ideas that are both purely spiritual and passionately human. In short, she has the gift of moving people's hearts and minds. It was Supreme Master's especially profound yet universally relatable verses in the *Silent Tears* anthology that inspired two-time Oscar-winning composer Al Kasha to tap into his own creative reservoir. Thirty years after being committed to paper, the collection became the expansive foundation for this musical and its finely honed score.

Music can touch us in many ways, through a melody, a lyric. With the right combination of elements, people, and perhaps a little luck, music can awaken something within us. When I recorded "Mandy" with Barry Manilow, the song that made him a star, we just knew that we had something very special, a wonderful song and the voice that was meant to sing it. Lightning struck and everyone in the studio knew it. With *Loving the Silent Tears*, it wasn't just a single moment, but a culmination of many defining, transcendent moments that the cast and creative team can look back upon and know with unequivocal certainty and pride that they had come together for something very, very extraordinary. It was a true labor of love.

Legendary Broadway director and producer Harold Prince once spoke of the importance of taking chances with one's creativity in musical theatre. Taking a huge chance, *Loving the Silent Tears* was determined not to confine itself to convention or to compromise its greater artistic vision. The standing ovation it received on the night of its premiere is proof that it was well worth taking the leap and doing something new.

I too applaud this original production. I applaud its unique source of inspiration, Supreme Master's poetry, and the courage everyone had in bringing it to musical life. This is a show with messages that are crucially relevant today. At a time when circumstances cause us to be distanced from each other and our deeper selves, *Loving the Silent Tears* shows us we are all very much the same and on the same journey to finding our inner peace. And that's something definitely worth celebrating.

— NON DANTE
TWO-TIME TONY AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER
LAINY T MOSBERAYIN AND CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD



Loving the Silver Screen

INTRODUCTION

Master Ching Hai through her touching poetry illustrates to us that peace and harmony can be achieved through unconditional love.

Music has the power to give hope to people and change their lives. I've been privileged to collaborate with two-time Academy Award winner Joel Hirschhorn for many years in creating songs for film, theatre, television, and beyond, intended to bring joy to listeners around the globe. I have also been blessed to find inspiration through the poetry of Supreme Master Ching Hai.

The Supreme Master is so honest as she expresses all her true feelings in her rich and powerful words. Upon having the opportunity to read her many poems with themes that range from her youth experiences of war, to love, to spiritual reflections, I was inspired to create a musical about the life story of Supreme Master Ching Hai. In 2011, *The Real Love* was brought to the stage beautifully through a wonderful collaboration of the best talents on earth. On the day it premiered, I saw how people of different faiths and backgrounds were all moved by the show, that is, by Supreme Master Ching Hai's story of personal sacrifice for humanity's greater happiness.

Loving the Silent Tears was a natural evolution of *The Real Love*. From a love story we stepped into a spiritual journey. The Supreme Master's poetry collection *Silent Tears* moved me greatly, and I saw the potential it had to affect people's lives in this new form.

Each poem here is unique, yet together they all send the message of love and peace, kindness and forgiveness, in an incredibly sincere way. They also reveal three things that I fully agree are important: first, love in action; second, the vegan lifestyle we would benefit ourselves to lead; and third, love for the animals.

Everyone will be able to relate to this musical; it is about the inner happiness all of us could have in life. It is also a musical across the continents, as Supreme Master Ching Hai's reach of compassion is international. The artists, who are some of the world's most accomplished—winners of the Oscar, Grammy, Tony, and Emmy Awards—chose to be part of *Loving the Silent Tears* because they recognized its elevating nature.

This collaboration has truly been another honor and delight as we reaffirmed shared values of love and harmony that transcend all boundaries. Our hearts have been touched, and no matter where you're from, I believe your heart will be touched as well.

— AL KASRA
TWO-TIME ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER
(ORIGINATED THE CONCEPT FOR *LOVING THE SILENT TEARS*)



CHAPTER ONE

THE CELEBRATION

THE 19TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI DAY

“She brings love around the world where there is hate. She brings hope where there is despair. And she brings understanding where there is misunderstanding. She is the light of a great person, an angel of mercy for all of us.”

— THE HONORABLE FRANK F. FASI, MAYOR OF HONOLULU, HAWAII, USA — OCTOBER 25, 1993



SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI SPENDS TIME WITH CHILDREN AT AN ORPHANAGE — YEREVAN, ARMENIA (MAY 18, 1988).

Supreme Master Ching Hai extends her love and caring assistance to those in need around the world.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
 RESCUING ABANDONED DOGS
 — HUNGARY (MAR. 1, 2008)
 VISITING AN ORPHANAGE
 — ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE
 (AUG. 1988)
 GIVING PRESENTS TO
 DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN
 — MEXICO (DEC. 8, 2010)
 COMFORTING FLOOD VICTIMS
 — CALIFORNIA, USA (JAN. 1997)



In 1993, the Honorable Frank F. Fasi, esteemed 9th Mayor of Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, proclaimed October 25 as The Supreme Master Ching Hai Day in honor of the philanthropic works and peace advocacy of Supreme Master Ching Hai, an inspirational spiritual teacher, humanitarian, poet, artist, and dedicated citizen of the world. At the award ceremony, Supreme Master Ching Hai was also recognized with an Award of Merit, Honorary Citizenship, and a bronze portrait statue.



SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI IS HONORED WITH AN AWARD OF MERIT, MAYOR FRANK F. FASI AT RIGHT — HONOLULU, HAWAII (OCT. 28, 1993).

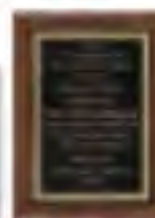
In the benevolent spirit of Supreme Master Ching Hai Day, at the world premiere of *Living the Silent Tears*, Supreme Master Ching Hai honored three charitable organizations with contributions totaling US\$300,000, made on behalf of all the artists involved in the musical.

During the gift presentation, a representative from the Supreme Master Ching Hai International Association read Supreme Master's message, as follows: "A hero salute and heartfelt gratitude to these organizations and others whose love and courage help make this world a more loving place. I also thank

all the artists for your contribution and feel privileged to present this gift on your behalf, and to honor these organizations with a token of gratitude with this financial contribution; and wish them the best in furthering their noble work."

"I'd like to thank Supreme Master Ching Hai for this extraordinary, gracious, and generous gift. I also honor her for her spiritual principles, so beautifully [put] on the stage, but also in our communities. In her poem 'Singing Praise,' she writes, 'The Master is more than just Kind.' With this very generous gift, she puts those words into action. Thank you so much."

— TOM VIOLA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 BROADWAY CARES / EQUITY FIGHTS AID



APPRECIATION PLAQUES DEDICATED TO SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI FROM THE RECIPIENT CHARITIES.

WORLD-RENOWNED SPIRITUAL TEACHER, HUMANITARIAN, POET AND ARTIST
SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI



AUGUST 4, 2016 • EUROPE

*B*orn in central Âu Lạc* (Vietnam), Supreme Master Ching Hai studied in Europe and worked there for the Red Cross. From childhood, she realized that suffering exists in all parts of the globe, and a deep longing for a remedy eventually led her to seek spiritual understanding.

Although she was happily married to a German physician, in an extremely difficult decision for both of them, her husband agreed to a separation. She then embarked on a journey alone to India in search of spiritual illumination. In the remote Himalayas, she finally received from a true Master the divine transmission of the inner Light and Sound. After a period of diligent practice, she attained the Great Enlightenment.

Returning from the Himalayas, upon receiving earnest requests, Supreme Master Ching Hai shared the way of contemplating one's own divine nature. Through the Quan Yin Method of meditation, people from all walks of life reconnect with their inner wisdom and find greater happiness and fulfillment in their daily lives. Supreme Master Ching Hai has also been invited by governments and respected organizations to give lectures throughout the world.

A dedicated humanitarian and caring vegan, Supreme Master Ching Hai provides assistance regardless of race, nationality, religion, or species. She donates the proceeds from her fashion designs and artwork to help humans and

animals in need, and to protect the environment. Inspired by her example, an international meditation and philanthropic organization was founded; furthermore, she was the guiding light for a constructive media channel, Supreme Master Television, which broadcast on free-to-air satellite globally for five years.

Government representatives and organizations worldwide have honored Supreme Master Ching Hai with prestigious awards for her charitable and artistic contributions, such as the World Citizen Humanitarian Award, the Gusi Peace Prize, the World Spiritual Leadership Award, the President's Volunteer Service Award from US President Barack Obama, the first-place Silver Telly Award, and the Los Angeles Music Week Certificate of Commendation.

Today, Supreme Master Ching Hai continues her efforts in bringing spiritual and material comfort to countless lives.

* As an artist and spiritual teacher, Supreme Master Ching Hai loves all expressions of inner beauty. Thus, she often refers to Vietnam by its auspicious ancient name, "Âu Lạc," depicting a picture of peace and happiness.



A MESSAGE FROM SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI

October 27, 2012

As Supreme Master Ching Hai was unable to attend the event due to her intensive meditation retreat, she set aside time to convey words of gratitude in a recorded telephone message to all:

“ *Greetings and love!*

My sincere thanks to all who give your heart to this music assembly. Congratulations to you and the audience for this rare and joyful event.

It is good that we still can celebrate in whichever way to beautify life on Earth as given by God. It is good that we still love, still enjoy, still share our goodness to all that coexist in this world and the next. It is good that we still believe in everything that is noble and positive, and Heavenly power will definitely prevail.

To all involved in this musical event, blessed be your dedication to make this world a more enjoyable place, cheering up the masses and giving thanks to Heaven and Earth in this way. Though I couldn't possibly watch the event, and though I am not aware of the content of this program in advance, I trust that it will be great and all who watch it will enjoy hugely.

Sorry there is no high tech where I do intensive meditation at present, so this simple message will serve to convey my gratitude to you all. I wish you success, happiness. And as a token of love, I share with you good news, maybe just to help pacify all worrying hearts, all hearts that are concerned about the survival and wellness of all in this world. And that good news is our planet will still be blessed to exist for 10,000 years more to come and continue, depending on our goodness in the future. And for that, praised be God. Thanks to all co-inhabitants' loving prayers and contributions in different aspects. As for my humble self, my humble self also continues her best to support our common, united endeavor to save this planet for this generation and countless next.*

Enjoy the show! Thank you all again. May God bless the universe and protect our world.

Love you!

* After this audio message, Supreme Master Ching Hai shared further updates on the extended life of the planet, announcing on April 14, 2013 that Earth would be preserved for hundreds of millions of years.

GREETINGS

For the 19th Anniversary of Supreme Master Ching Hai Day, members of the cast and creative team, as well as guests of *Loving the Silent Tears*, conveyed their warm wishes and appreciation for the poet and humanitarian Supreme Master Ching Hai.



"Supreme Master Ching Hai's humanitarian efforts really work toward a message of peace around the world. I think *Loving the Silent Tears* is another way to put that out into the universe and to spread that message."

— JODY WATLEY
GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING POP AND R&B ICON

"Happy 19th Anniversary! We're very excited about doing this. I would like to say congratulations on this very special day, and it's wonderful to be part of this celebration. I hope that what we create joins in the beauty and the joy that you have been responsible for in giving to the world. And it's an honor to be a small part of that. Thanks and again, congratulations."

— VINCENT PATERSON
TONY AWARD-NOMINATED
DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER



"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I adore you, I love you. You're for peace, love in action, taking care of the animals, and being vegan. That's what I believe."

— AL KASHA
3RD TIME ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER
(THE FOREIGN ADVENTURE)

"I just feel that although she is not here with all of us, we feel that her spirit and her love are with all of the audience and production. All of us feel her love and her support. Happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day!"

— KAY TEE
CHINESE PLATINUM POP STAR, VEGETARIAN



"I'd like to congratulate Supreme Master Ching Hai for all she's done, enlightening people with a great message. And I think she's done an amazing job."

— KIRIL KULSH
TONY AWARD-WINNING ACTOR,
DANCER, AND SINGER
(WILLY ELLIOT THE MUSICAL)

"Hi, this is Liel Kolt from Israel, and I would like to say congratulations for 19 years of Supreme Master Ching Hai Day. And I wish there will be many more; keep on doing the wonderful work that you do. And I'm just so proud to represent your words today on the stage."

— LIEL KOLT
AWARD-WINNING ISRAELI SINGER



"I've composed two songs for this wonderful show and it's an honor. It's really my pleasure to give my best greetings and regards. I want to wish everybody a happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day."

— JORGE CALANDRELLI
3RD TIME GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER
(CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON)

"Thank you, Supreme Master Ching Hai, for your beautiful poetry, your beautiful soul, and giving all the world so much of yourself. We all appreciate it, thank you."

— PATTI COHENOUR
TONY AWARD-NOMINATED ACTRESS AND SINGER
(THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA)



"Supreme Master Ching Hai, thank you so much for sharing these beautiful, inspirational words with all of us, and it's such an honor to be a part of this production, and to really celebrate and help share this message with so many different people. I'm just so grateful to be a part of this. And I just wanted to say happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day, thank you so much."

— HEATHER PARK
KOREAN R&B SINGER, VEGAN

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, this is Jon Secada, and I'm very honored and I feel very blessed to be a part of *Loving the Silent Tears*. It's going to be a wonderful show, and I'm humbled to have been able to put music to your words in your poem. So, thank you, and I hope you enjoy it. Felicitades [congratulations] for a tremendous 19 years. And I'm sure you'll have an eternity of more, many, many more years. Congratulations!"

— JON SECADA
5TH TIME GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING POP STAR



"I just want to wish Supreme Master Ching Hai a very, very happy anniversary. And this is an amazing day for you."

— BONNIE STORY
EMMY AWARD-WINNING CHOREOGRAPHER
(HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 1, 2 AND 3)

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, it's Doug Katsaros, your acquaintance and your musical friend. You are a wonderful woman, very kind, very sweet, and I appreciate your message and what you are trying to do. And this is for you. Happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day! Happy 19th Anniversary! May there be 19 more and 19 more... And all of those 10,000 years and more that the earth is going to keep growing on, may you always be around."

— DOUG KATSAROS
EMMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER AND
MUSICAL DIRECTOR (FOOTLOOSE)





"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I can only say thank you for the things that you have done for our society. Thank you for the message that you are putting into the universe, of love, acceptance, and tolerance. These are lessons that we can all learn from. I am honored to be able to sing some of your poetry in the musical *Loving the Silent Tears*, and I celebrate the 19th Anniversary of Supreme Master Ching Hai Day with you."

— MARK ANICELLO
ITALIAN TENOR, VEGAN

"Always doing many good deeds without thinking of oneself actually is a difficult thing to do because life is too hectic. In such a hectic life, still there is one person who never thinks of herself, who always wants to do noble things, good deeds, compassionate work, caring for all people without discrimination. That person is Supreme Master Ching Hai. She has always been doing that. I respect her, and I think whoever knows about her works will greatly esteem and respect her for all that she has done."

— HỒ QUỲNH HƯƠNG
ALLACERE (VIETNAMESE) POP STAR, VEGAN



"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I hope you are very well, and congratulations! Happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day!"

— LUKE ERNEL
AWARD-WINNING ACTOR

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I'm so honored. I am more than thrilled to be participating, honoring you and the message that you represent. It's going to be a thrilling evening of high energy, and I'm so excited to bring my family and be a part of it all and experience firsthand your love and your guidance and your energy."

— NIAN SCHWARTZ
GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER
AND ORCHESTRATOR (HARRY POTTER AND
THE DEATHLY HALLOWS, PART II)



"Supreme Master Ching Hai sets such a marvelous example of understanding between people and the natural world; understanding between people and the animals. The way she seems to have truly embraced that philosophy and live it with every breath, it's just impressive!"

— CYNTHIA LEWIS FERRELL
AWARD-WINNING PLAYWRIGHT

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, it is an honor to be working with your lyrics again, and to also be part of these great productions. Thank you very much."

— DON PIPER
TONY AND EMMY AWARD-WINNING
COMPOSER AND MUSICAL DIRECTOR
(LE CHORUS LINE)



(Dukie Simpson) "I wish Supreme Master Ching Hai long life and happy living."

(Kaye Stark) "Happy anniversary, Supreme Master Ching Hai."
(Andrew Ecca) "I give thanks to her; all my love goes out to her."

— BLACK UHURU
GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING
REGGAE GROUP

"I really want to thank you, Supreme Master Ching Hai. And I really wish you great things and happiness and a happy day for this special day. And I hope this light shines on everybody. I thank you again for the beautiful message."

— SHAVAR BHANE
PERRIAN SUPERSTAR



"Supreme Master Ching Hai, congratulations on your Day. It's so well-deserved. And thank you for all you do for everyone, and continued success and best wishes and great health and love to you."

— LIZ CALLAWAY
EMMY AWARD-WINNING AND TONY-NOMINATED
SINGER (BARRY, ANASTASIA)

"I thank Supreme Master Ching Hai for the opportunity of setting her thoughtful and perceptive poetry to music. It was a new form for me to work with, and I enjoyed the experience. I hope this combination of poetry and music will be pleasing to all of those who love Supreme Master Ching Hai."

— HENRY KRUEGER
3-TIME GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING
COMPOSER (DREAMWORKS)



"I send my best wishes, my admiration, my respect to her for doing what she does. It's inspirational."

— GEORGE CHAKIRIS
ACADEMY AWARD-WINNING ACTOR
(WEST SIDE STORY), VEGETARIAN

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I'm really happy and it's such a pleasure for me and an honor to be part of this musical because your message is a positive message. I think everybody should listen a little bit carefully with what you're doing and writing. Your story is very inspiring and people need to pay more attention for themselves, and I'm totally with you on that. I hope that you like my role in the play, and I'll be doing it with my heart and soul. And for you, Supreme Master, happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day. Thank you."

— FARIANA PARRONI
AWARD-WINNING BRAZILIAN SINGER



"Hi to Supreme Master Ching Hai! I want to say congratulations on your 19th year anniversary. It's an honor to be a part of this amazing, extravagant event. I'm always going to cherish this and remember this time in the future. And once again, congratulations and hope to meet you in person soon."

— BRIAN JOO
KOREAN POP STAR (FLY TO THE SKY)

"Hi, Supreme Master Ching Hai. My name is Debbie Gewirtz, and I'm honored to be a part of this celebration of your incredible work throughout the world. You must be pretty amazing because everybody has nothing but glorious, wonderful things to say about you. So, I'm going to have to meet you one of these days. And I only wish you could be here to see our show and you could hear how loud I can sing!"

— DEBBIE GEWIRTZ
TONY AWARD-WINNING SINGER AND ACTRESS
(JEROME ROBBINS' BROADWAY)



"I would love to send out a big hug and lots of love to Supreme Master Ching Hai for your anniversary. Your work is unbelievable, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for all that you do."

— RIRIE CASTILLO
TELEVISION HOST, ACTRESS,
AND FORMER MISS USA, VEGAN

"I'd like to wish Supreme Master health and continuation in spreading the word for as long as is possible."

— FRANK EVANS
AWARD-WINNING WRITER AND LYRICIST





"Hi, I am Kristoff St. John. I play Neil Winters on *The Young and the Restless*, and I'm also a traveler of life and a journeyman. I am here to wish you, Supreme Master Ching Hai and Supreme Master Ching Hai's disciples and fans, an auspicious occasion. This is Supreme Master Ching Hai Day, which is about love and peace and harmony, and how we really are here to help each other."

— KRISTOFF ST. JOHN
3-TIME EMMY AWARD-WINNING ACTOR
(*THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS*, *VEGETARIAN*)



"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I am unbelievably grateful to you for being the person you are and for inspiring so many people to elevate to the positive and seek Truth in themselves and beauty in the world, through compassion and empathy. I truly believe that you are a blessing, and I just want to wish you an amazing Supreme Master Ching Hai Day. I hope to God and the universe and everything that exists that I can meet you one day and thank you in person because I truly do appreciate it. I really do. Thank you so much."

— CAMELLIA ANZURES
ARAB SINGER

"I want to congratulate you on your tremendous achievement. And I'm very honored to be in your presence and to know that I've worked on such a wonderful project. I think it would be great if you have time to come and could see how much love is going to be in the room, because that's what this comes down to—love of ourselves, love of humanity, love of the earth, and I feel like this [production] is an invitation to love."



— JOHN SICOVELLI
EMMY AWARD-WINNING SCENIC DESIGNER
(*PETER PAN*)

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, it was such an honor and pleasure as always to set your special poems to music. I was proud to be part of the gifts of happiness that spring from your wonderful heart into the hearts of others. My warmest wishes to you on Supreme Master Ching Hai Day!"

— DAVID BERRY
ACADEMY AND 3-TIME GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING
COMPOSER (*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FEVER*)



"Greetings, Supreme Master Ching Hai! Congratulations! I just recently started to go vegetarian. It's a new thing I'm exploring, but I'm excited."

— MEGHAN LAMONTAGNE
HOST FOR CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE TV,
KCAL-TV

"My message [for Supreme Master Ching Hai] would be one of supreme gratitude, just saying, 'Thank you, thank you so much for the words that you choose.' Words are so important. And she uses beautiful words to remind the people, remind the souls, not just the mind but the heart, that we are all one. I am so grateful, so grateful, so grateful."

— BENNY HILDEN
SINGER AND SONGWRITER FOR RAY CHARLES,
STING, PATTO LABELLE



"Master Ching Hai, thank you for bringing your light. Your light inspires us to bring light to others and for others to bring light to everybody else in the world, which is what we need."

— SIOMARA ORTIZ
ACTRESS

"Supreme Master Ching Hai, I want to honor you and congratulate you on the 15th Anniversary. And just to say how much I admire you for what you do and what this organization does. You are a beacon in the world today."

— LIONEL FRIEDBERG
EMMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER, VEGAN



"What a wonderful day for Supreme Master Ching Hai. Congratulations on your 15th year of having your own beautiful peace-and-loving day. It's amazing. It's beautiful. And I am very honored and blessed to be a part of it. Please keep spreading the word and the message of love and peace because we all need to hear it, especially now. Thank you so much."

— COREY FELDMAN
AWARD-WINNING ACTOR
(*THE GOONIES*, *STAND BY ME*), VEGAN



"I'd like to wish Supreme Master Ching Hai and all the viewers the best on Supreme Master Ching Hai Day. I invite everyone to see it and enjoy this wonderful experience with us and bask in the joy that Supreme Master Ching Hai brings to all of us. I think it's going to be an amazing experience to have all these different cultures and people come together and celebrate Supreme Master Ching Hai Day."

— JUNIOR CARLE
ACTOR



"Hello, Master Ching Hai. Bless you for the work that you do! We're all so grateful for the work that you contribute to the United States and all the countries that you give so generously to. We love you. We love you, and thank you so much."

— MARILYN PETERSON
AUTHOR OF *VEGAN BITE BY BITE*, VEGAN



"Supreme Master, we met a couple years ago in Mexico. As I said to you then, you're like a Jewish mother, like an earth mother. You care a lot about good things. And it was such a pleasure and an honor to meet you and to understand that you really are what you are. You're amazing, you're wonderful. Happy, happy, happy, happy 15th! And may you have 119 more!"

— CARY BROWN
3-TIME EMMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER, VEGAN

"I love the Supreme Master's messages of peace and reconciliation. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Supreme Master Ching Hai a happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day."

— KATE MINAHAN
IRISH SOPRANO
(*INTENDANCE*)



"I'm really happy to be part of this celebration of Supreme Master Ching Hai Day. I would like to say thank you very much to Supreme Master Ching Hai. Thank you very much because it's an honor."

— FLO ANKAH
FRENCH SINGER



"Peace and love, she [Supreme Master Ching Hai] just exudes that. And everything that she writes exudes that."

— KELLY PACKARD
ACTRESS (*RAYWATCH*),
VEGETARIAN



"I'm very proud of what you're doing for everybody. Happy Supreme Master Ching Hai Day today!"

— CHARLES REGAL
AWARD-WINNING
SOUTH AFRICAN
COMPOSER AND
PIANIST



"Congratulations, and I hope that this continues for many, many, many more years to come."

— LAURA ROSENTHAL
COUNCIL MEMBER OF
THE CITY OF MALIBU,
CALIFORNIA, USA



"Hello, Supreme Master Ching Hai! We are so pleased and honored to be here to share your Day with you."

— GINA LA PIANA
ACTRESS AND POP
SINGER





CHAPTER TWO

THE MUSICAL

CHARACTERS

JOY

An older woman who once had strong faith in God, now embittered ever since a personal tragedy. She still carries the past with her in the form of her diary.

PETE

A coming-of-age youth thrust into the world by his father to find financial success.

TRAIN CONDUCTOR

A good-humored but enigmatic railway conductor who guides Joy and Pete on their eye-opening journeys both around the globe and within themselves.

THE CAST

(In order of featured appearance)

Train Conductor	JUNIOR CASE
Joy	PATTI CONENOUR
Pete	LUKE EBERL
France	FLO ANKAM
Jamaica	BLACK UHURU
Korea	BRIAN JOO AND HEATHER PARK
Brazil	FABIANA PASSONI
USA	DEBBIE GRAVITTE
Australia	LIZ CALLAWAY
China	KAY TSE
Russia	KIRIL KULISH
Cuba	JOH SECADA
Italy	MARK JANICELLO
Ireland	KATIE MCMAHON
Iran	SLAVASH SHAMS
Arab Region	CAMELLIA ABOU-ODAH
Israel	LIEL KOLEY
Africa	JODY WATLEY
Âu Lạc (Vietnam)	HỒ QUỲNH HƯƠNG



ON BOARD THE MAGICAL TRAIN.

SCENES

ACT ONE

- SCENE 1 A train depot at dusk.
- SCENE 2 Inside the train compartment. France.
- SCENE 3 Inside the train compartment. Jamaica.
- SCENE 4 Inside the train compartment. Korea.
- SCENE 5 Inside the train compartment. Brazil.
- SCENE 6 Inside the train compartment. USA.
- SCENE 7 Inside the train compartment. Australia.
- SCENE 8 Inside the train compartment. China.
- SCENE 9 Inside the train compartment. Russia.

ACT TWO

- SCENE 1 Estr'acte.
- SCENE 2 Empty train tracks on the edge of a green meadow. Night. Cuba.
- SCENE 3 The meadow. Rising moon. Italy.
- SCENE 4 The meadow. Full moonlight. Ireland.
- SCENE 5 The meadow. The Middle East.
- SCENE 6 The meadow. Dawn. Africa.
- SCENE 7 The meadow. Sunrise. Âu Lạc (Vietnam).
- SCENE 8 The meadow. Morning.

TIME

Action takes place in a single night, from dusk to sunrise.

PLACE

All over the world.



EMMY AWARD-WINNING COMPOSER DOUG KATSAROS LEADS THE ORCHESTRA.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Lyrics based on *Silent Tears*, a poetry collection by Supreme Master Ching Hai

ACT ONE		
1 <i>Overture</i>		Orchestra
2 <i>Never Set Foot</i>	MUSIC BY DON PIPPIN	Company
3 <i>The Inner Master</i>	MUSIC BY DOUG KATSAROS	Train Conductor
4 <i>Accept Me the Way I Am</i>	MUSIC BY NAN SCHWARTZ	France
5 <i>Make a Deal</i>	MUSIC BY DOUG KATSAROS	Jamaica
6 <i>Singing Praise</i>	MUSIC BY DAVID SHINE	Korea
7 <i>Your Eyes, Your Ears, Your Heart</i>	MUSIC BY JORGE GALANDHELLI	Brazil
8 <i>No Place for You</i>	MUSIC BY AL KASRA	USA
9 <i>Monkey Mind</i>	MUSIC BY DAVID SHINE	Australia
10 <i>Talking to a Stone Buddha*</i>	MUSIC BY SUPREME MASTER CHING HAI	China
11 <i>The World Is a Whirlpool</i>	MUSIC BY HENRY KRIEGER	Russia
ACT TWO		
12 <i>Eternal Game</i>	MUSIC BY JORGE GALANDHELLI	Company
13 <i>All Love, All Forgive**</i>	MUSIC BY JON SEGADA	Cuba
14 <i>Initiation</i>	MUSIC BY DON PIPPIN	Italy
15 <i>Between the Master and I</i>	MUSIC BY NAN SCHWARTZ	Ireland
16 <i>Truth, Ego, Soul and Blessings</i>	MUSIC BY DOUG KATSAROS	Middle East
17 <i>A Real Fool</i>	MUSIC BY NAN SCHWARTZ	Africa
18 <i>Enlightenment</i>	MUSIC BY HENRY KRIEGER	Âu Lạc (Vietnam)
19 <i>Loving the Silent Tears</i>	MUSIC BY ALKASRA	Company
EVENT FINALE		
20 <i>Take Each Other's Hand†</i>	MUSIC BY ALKASRA	Company

* Song written by Supreme Master Ching Hai in March 2007 - Formosa (Taiwan), from the poetry collection *The Love of Genesis*.

** Lyrics based on *Silent Tears* and "Words from a Child" from Supreme Master Ching Hai's books *The Dog is My Life* and *The Bird is My Life*.

† Lyrics based on Supreme Master Ching Hai's poems "Loving" and "Consolation" written in her youth, and "Let's Love" written in her late 20s, from the poetry collections *Pebbles and Gold* and *The Love of Genesis*.