

Riwoche Tibetan Buddhist Temple

Phurba Drum Cho Vajrakilaya Ceremony



Monday, October 28, 2019 – Sunday, November 3, 2019
Time: 10am – 4pm

Vajrakilaya is the wrathful form of Vajrasattva. This practice is famous for being the most powerful in removing obstacles, destroying the forces hostile to compassion, and for purification.

In the Riwoche lineage, Vajrakilaya is very important. Traditionally, on the 12th month of the Tibetan calendar, the Riwoche monastery in Tibet holds a Vajrakilaya drupchen for three weeks. Drupchen is a form of intensive group practice drawing together the entire range of its skillful methods — mystical, ritual, and artistic. The practices include: creation of the mandala house; the complete sadhana practice with visualization, mudra, chant, and music; continuous day and night practice of mantra; the creation of tormas and offerings with sacred substances and precious relics; the tsok feast; the sacred dance of Cham; and the construction of a sand mandala. The accomplishments of the Vajrakilaya practice in Riwoche monastery have been seen in the dancing of the phurbas to the spontaneous chanting of the Vajrakilaya mantra from the mandala.

Attendance for the full week is not required. A simple vegetarian lunch will be served daily to all practitioners. We do require all practitioners attending to notify in advance of their participation to help kitchen staff. People attending will need to bring their own plate, cup, and utensils. We are making an effort to be more environmentally responsible and to reduce the amount of waste produced.

If you cannot attend, any donation to help defray the cost of tsok and food for all practitioners would be greatly appreciated. Please contact us by at email pema@riwoche.com



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