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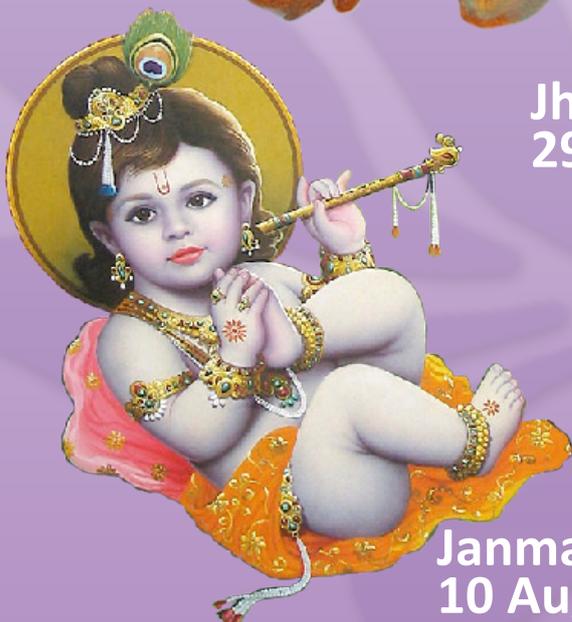
Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Founder-*acarya* of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness

NEW GOVARDHANA SWINGS INTO FESTIVAL SEASON



Balarama Purnima
2 August

Jhulana Yatra
29 July - 2 August



Janmastami
10 August



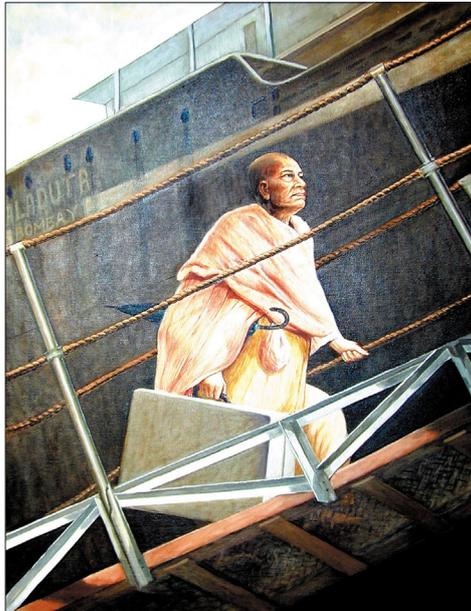
Srila Prabhupada
Vyasa Puja 11 August

CAPTAIN OF THE SHIP

by Raksana dasa

**A shout a call to one and all
The ship departs today
Courageous Srila Prabhupada
Is here to lead the way
You embark with style, with grace,
a smile
The shining sole attraction
While men and women jump on
board
Too smart to miss the action**

**Though wind and gales may lash
the sails
You're steady at the helm
You guide us on through rain and
sun
Into a different realm**



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HARINAMA SANKIRTANA KI JAYA



*Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu
sankirtana party*

SRILA PRABHUPADA: BIRTH & MISSION

by Damodara Pandit dasa

On 1 September 1896, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada made his appearance in this world in Calcutta, Bengal. Born on the day immediately after Krishna Janmastami, he was given the name Abhay Charan by his Vaisnava father, Gour Mohan De and his mother Rajani. Gour Mohan's principle desire for his son's spiritual future was for him to become a pure devotee of Lord Sri Krsna, which is the ultimate goal of Vaisnavism.

Srila Prabhupada exhibited all the telltale symptoms of a great personality. Such divine personalities are sent by Krishna to fulfil the mission of the Lord, namely, to impart the Absolute Truth to the ignorant forgetful embodied beings in human form. Abhay Charan's ultimate destiny and mission would remain unmanifest to the unenlightened until the last few years of his life.

In 1922, Srila Prabhupada's spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami naturally recognised the true identity of his new disciple. He indicated that Abhay Charan's assigned mission was to be the vehicle by which the transcendental message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu was to be taken to the western world. Today, Srila Prabhupada's success is evident not only in the west, but in nearly every place on the planet where the maha mantra, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare is chanted by the *vaisnavas* who have taken up our Srila Prabhupada's mission.

PRABHUPADA'S DEPARTURE FOR THE USA

Extract from Prabhupada Lilamrita by Satsvarupa Das Goswami

Bhaktivedanta Swami took a taxi to the Calcutta port. A few friends and admirers, along with his son Vrindavan accompanied him.

He writes in his diary, "Today at 9 a.m. embarked on M.V. Jaladuta. Came with me Bhagwati, the Dwarwan of Scindia Sansir, Mr. Sen Gupta, Mr. Ali and Vrindavan."

He was carrying a Bengali copy of *Sri Caitanya-Caritamrita*, which he intended to read during the crossing.

Somehow he would be able to cook on board. Or if not, he could starve- whatever Krishna desired. He checked his essentials: passenger ticket, passport, visa, P-form and sponsor's address. Finally it was happening.

Srila Prabhupada: "With what great difficulty I got out of the country! Some way or other, by Krishna's grace, I got out so I could spread the Krishna consciousness movement all over the world. Otherwise, to remain in India- it was not possible. I wanted to start a movement in India, but I was not at all encouraged."

The black cargo ship, small and weathered, was moored at dockside, a gangway leading from the dock to the ship's deck. Indian merchant sailors curiously eyed the elderly saffron-dressed sadhu as he spoke last words to his companions and then left them and walked determinedly toward the boat.

Wednesdays 10.30 am

Byron Bay Hari Nama at the park opposite the Post Office. For further

details and transport information
Parama Karuna dasa 0439 280 362

Friday Evenings 6.30 pm

Bhakti Centre Surfers Paradise
bhakticentregoldcoast.com.au

Sunday Mornings

Northern NSW & Gold Coast

www.folkkrishna.com/program.htm

Isvara dasa 0411 825 549

GIVING PLEASURE TO THE COWS

by Padma devi dasi

In the 1st Canto of *Srimad Bhagavatam* (SB), Yudhisthira Maharaja describes Lord Krsna as "He who gives pleasure to the cows." (SB 1.14.34)

Srila Prabhupada explains that when Krishna was enjoying His pastimes on Earth 5,000 years ago "He was pleasure to the cows. The cows were very much pleased with Krishna. As soon as Krishna will call them, they will immediately come" (SB Lecture, 1.8.21,1974).

Srila Prabhupada has also taught us that for human society to be happy and peaceful there must be proper cow protection. Cows are the embodiment of the mode of goodness and everything about the cow is compatible with civilized human society. In traditional Vedic society, it was common knowledge

Urvashi devi dasi



Padma devi dasi makes molasses balls for the cows a couple of days a week.

that if the cows were happy and content, then human society would be prosperous.

New Govardhana *Goshala's* cowherd team, including Venu Gopal dasa, Gita Govinda dasi, Urvashi devi dasi, Brhat Mrdanga dasa, Prahlada Benson and Artur Bepoks, encourages all devotees in the New Govardhana region to develop loving friendships with our cows. By taking a little bit of time to pat the cows, talk to them, chant for them, offer them raw pieces of fruit and veggies (but no potatoes, avacados or mouldy veggies please) or even by donating money for their ongoing maintenance, any devotee can enhance their relationship with Krishna's cows. It is that simple. Please let these beautiful four-legged devotees come into your lives and into your hearts, to help you to live more simply, happily and peacefully.

A SPECIAL SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM CLASS

THE GLORIES OF GOVARDHANA PARIKRAMA

Sunday 5 August 7.30 am

presented by *Maha Mantra dasa*

Maha Mantra dasa has been serving Sri Sri Radha Govardhanadhari since he late 1970's. He is one of the dedicatd builders of the Hare Krishna Movement throughout Australiasia.

Maha Mantra often visits Sri Vrindavana Dhama in India and never misses a chance to walk around (parikrama) Govardhana Hill. He has a vision to create a wonderful Govardhana Parikrama Path here at New Govardhana.

ZODIAC LOUNGE

What is Purusottama Month?

with *Divya Purusha dasa*

Purusottama Adhika Masa is a leap month. *Adhika* means best or greatest and *masa* means month.

A lunar month is less by .907643 days than a solar month. This difference gets cancelled by adding one intercalary month every 32 months and 15.5246 days (about 1 every 3 years).

Vishnu appears as the month of Purusottama as he appears as the day of *ekadasi*. During this period increased austerities (*vratas*) are recommended. It is suggested that one may refrain from eating of grains or eating only once a day, visiting holy places, chanting more *japa* or performing *puja*. After one month of vows one may feed devotees and offer flowers to Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

Benefits of such austerities include that all the holy places in the world come to reside in one's body, and one who observes Purusottama *vratas* will go to serve Radha-Govinda in Goloka next life!

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Child Protection
Formulating our policy**

**11.00 am - 1.00 pm
Saturday 18 August
at the Gurukula**

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Darshan Arati: 7.00 am
Guru Puja / Kirtan: 7.10 am
Class: 7.30 am
Breakfast: 8.30 am

Sunday Feast Program

Bhajans: 3.00 pm
Class: 4.00 pm
Kirtan: 4.45 pm - 5.15 pm
Feast: 5:30 pm
Gaura Arati Kirtan is still 6.30 pm
Guests are asked to arrive by 4.00 pm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST

BALARAMA PURNIMA THUR 2 AUG

9:30AM BHAJANAS
10:00AM CLASS BY HH MUKUNDA MAHARAJA
10:45AM GIFT OPENING
11:00AM ABHISHEKA
12:00PM ARATI & KIRTAN
12:30PM CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES - TRANSCENDENTAL TREASURE HUNT
1:00PM FEAST

FOR MORE INFORMATION & SPONSORSHIP PLEASE CONTACT DAMODARA PARODIT DASA 0415 190 313

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KRSNA janmastami

FRI AUG 10

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST
Adivasa Ceremony 6.30pm

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST
5.00 pm Bhajans
6.00 pm Gurukula Dramas
6.30 pm Sandhya Arati
7.15 pm Swing Festival
8.00 pm Lantern Procession
8.15 pm Class by HH Ramai Swami
9.00 pm Odissi Dance
9.30 pm Bhajanas
9.45 pm Abhisheka
10.45 pm Sponsor Appreciation
11.00 pm Deities return to altar in procession & kirtan in temple
11.05 pm Opening Gifts for Sri Sri Radha Govardhanadhari
12.00 am Midnight Arati
12.30 am Feast

BHAJANS AND KRISHNA BOOK READINGS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

For more information and sponsorships of Kalash etc. please contact Damodara Parodit dasa 0415 190 313 525 Tyalgum Road, EUNGELLA, NSW 2484

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VYASA PUJA HIS DIVINE GRACE
AC BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA
FOUNDER & HEAD OF THE RETIREMENT SOCIETY FOR ISKCONA COMMUNITY

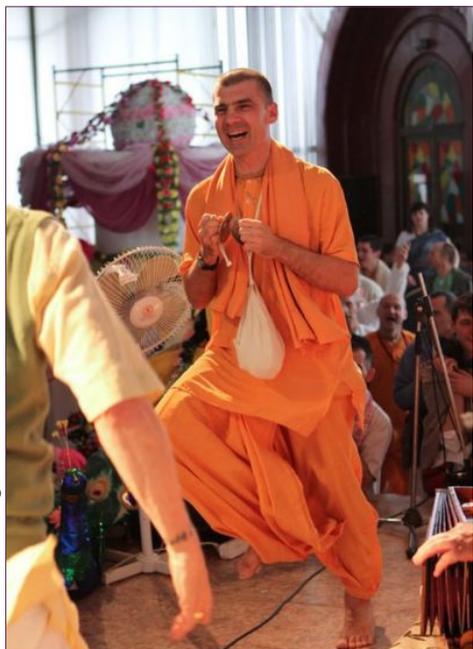
SATURDAY 11 AUG 2012

FASTING TILL NOON

ISKCON NEW GOVARDHANA

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Helping Our Children
Through Knowledge of the Spirit

A Murwillumbah Community Event

Friday 10 August 2012
6.00 pm - 7.30 pm
Red Cross Hall, Knox Park (Murwillumbah)

Helping Our Children Through Knowledge of the Spirit is a Murwillumbah Community event aimed at creating interreligious dialogue for the purpose of helping to alleviate some of the Tweed's contemporary social dilemmas. You are cordially invited to attend this event.

There will be time for reading of prepared papers, speeches and open discussion.

Details and more info will be posted.

By using Murwillumbah phone numbers: 0415 190 313

H. G. Uttama Sloka das brahmachari joined Iskcon in 1989 receiving initiation from HH Indradyumna Swami in 1991.

Qualified as a *Bhakti Sastri* teacher, mediator and counsellor, he pursued Graduate Studies in Vaishnava Philosophy *Bhakti Sastri* Degree and *Bhakti Vaibhava* Degree Level 1, as well as in Teaching and Conflict Resolution. The Unique *Bhagavad-gita* Crash Course was first designed and taught by him in South Africa.

Besides conducting educational and training courses in 20 countries, he also serves part time as Maharajah's travelling assistant, secretary and translator.

While he is visiting this time, he will be taking part in the upcoming "Helping our Children: Through Knowledge of the Spirit" is a Murwillumbah Community event aimed at creating interreligious dialogue for the purpose of helping to alleviate some of the Tweed's contemporary social dilemmas. Friday 10 August from 6. pm - 7.30 pm at Red Cross Hall, Knox Park in Murwillumbah.

AUGUST CALENDAR

(from the online Vaisnava calendar www.vaisnavacalender.com)

- 1 We Last day of the first Caturmasya month
- 2 Th Jhulana Yatra ends
Lord Balarama's Appearance Day (Fast today)
Second month of Caturmasya begins (yogurt fast for one month)
- 3 Fr Srila Prabhupada's departure for the USA
- 9 Th **Community Meeting at Temple Shop**
- 10 Fr Sri Krsna Janmastami: Appearance of Lord Sri Krsna (Fast today)
- 11 Sa Nandotsava
Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja
- 13 Mo **Ekadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Annada Ekadasi**
- 14 Tu Dvadasi Break fast 7.10 am - 10.01 am
- 17 Fr Purusottama-adhika Masa, Gaurabda 526
(Caturmasya is not observed during Purusottama Adhika Masa.)
- 28 Tu **Dvadasi (suitable for fasting) Fasting for Padmini Ekadasi**
- 29 We Break fast 6.04 am - 9.54 am

Holy Name Retreat

Featuring HH Sacinandana Swami & HG Madhava Prabhu
4 - 7 October 2012
www.holynameretreat.com



RASA MANDALA is an exciting new collaboration between internationally acclaimed kirtan singer Carmella Baynie (Gitanjali devi dasi) and Dale Nougher who is revered as one of Australia's first exponents of ambient electronic music.

This is a fresh and exciting sound, paving the way for the melding of dance and mantra and containing inspirational uplifting anthemic chants and infectious rhythms.

"Sinuous, sleek and elegant. In Carmella's voice, the galaxies spin."
— Dave Stringer

"Carmella's voice comes straight from her soul with love radiating from every note. You will want to give this CD to those you love."
— Kate Clare McIntyre, Director "Yoga-Woman".

Saturday 24 August 2012 7.30pm
Coorabell Hall
Tickets are \$20/\$25
\$20 @ door concession
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JHULANA YATRA: THE SWING FESTIVAL OF RADHA KRISHNA

by Damodara Pandit das

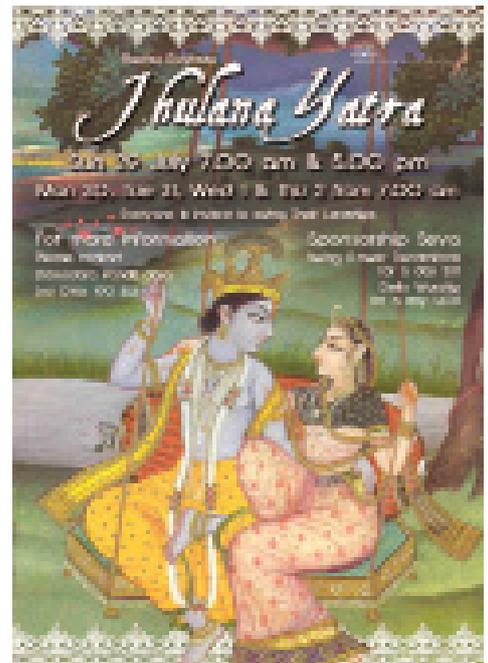
One beautiful Spring day, Krishna performed the Swing Festival (Jhulana Yatra), which is the perfect object of meditation for those desiring a taste of devotion. On that day, the sweet pastimes of Radha and Krishna far surpassed the sporting of the demigods and their wives in celestial gardens.

The location of the Swing Festival was lined with pleasant *devataru* trees, radiating green all around and resonating with the singing of young cooing birds. Golden chains tied securely to the branches of the trees hung down in straight lines. Herds of deer frolicked about joyfully in the flat, open land surrounding the *kunjās*.

Appearing as though they had not been attracted to the forest by the sound of Krishna's flute, had not abandoned their household duties and not opposed their elders, the doe-eyed *gopis*, like touchstones for pleasurable pastimes, suddenly manifested out of nowhere, as if coming directly from the desire trees. Their effulgent bodies were adorned with festive coloured sashes and tinkling waist-bells. Anxiously awaiting the arrival of Radhika-Shyama to start the festival, each of the *gopis*, the jewels among women, who are more beautiful than the soldiers of Cupid, thought that she would swing first.

Krishna entered the swing area with His left arm resting on Radha's shoulder holding His flute. In His right hand Krishna twirled a lotus flower while His bangles chimed happily. A pleasing peacock feather topped His reddish turban that tilted attractively to one side. Krishna's elegant earrings and ear lotuses swung in the breeze created by the bees circling His head. Fine cloth kissed His limbs, lit by the jewels of His crown and bracelets. Krishna shone attractively with His pearl necklaces tinged red from the rays of His *kaustubha* jewel. Light delicate footsteps accented His graceful yet playful gait. Jewelled anklets and bells adorned His lotus feet.

Krishna, His splendid lips shining, appeared somewhat drowsy from chewing betel nut. Yet His effulgence easily defeated the combined radiance of all the jewels adorning the ladies in heaven. Krishna's effulgence took the shape of a jewelled mace to announce His entrance into the bower of jewelled trees. As Krishna and His servants ascended the dais surrounding the swing, the birds screeched, "Victory! Victory!"



GREEN TEAM
Wed 8 August
Temple Shop, 5.30 pm
Topic: Creating New
Govardhana's Eco Policies
ALL WELCOME

COLOURING COMPETITION

Hand your entry into the temple shop or to the school before 8 August 2012. All the pictures will be hung up at the temple for Janmastami. Be sure to write your name and age on the back of your entry. Every child who enters receives a prize. Judges will be HH Mukunda Maharaja, Dhanesvara dasa and Kavi Priya devi dasi



Photo of Vayu dasa

Vayu dasa, a Sydney based artist, is widely regarded and awarded for his distinctive artwork. He draws with his left hand, so he can draw spontaneously and instinctively, and without attachment to the result.

He works to capture the soul of his subjects. Vayu's work can be found at the Michael Commerford Gallery in Rushcutters Bay, Sydney.

"The most important thing in the creative process is to know yourself. I need a spiritual connection with my work" says Vayu dasa.



Painting by Vayu dasa



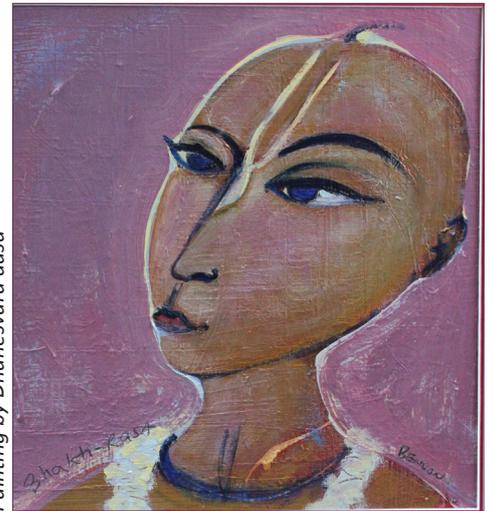
Photo of Dhanesvara dasa

"As a cold piece of steel becomes like the fire when placed in the fire, so dull matter can be spiritualized by a higher vibration such as the Hare Krsna Mantra.

This process of transforming takes place by your actions (karma yoga) and by this action your whole life becomes an offering to God and his service.

The artworks I create become an expression of my love of life!"

— **Dhanesvara dasa**



Painting by Dhanesvara dasa

2012 JANMASTAMI KALASH

This years kalashas are now ready for sponsorship.

The kalash is a symbol of abundance, the purchase of which enables one to contribute to the maintenance of the temple and Their Lordships, Sri Sri Radha Govardhanadhari.

In addition to the traditional kalash contents, two renowned artists Dhanesvara das and Vayu das have donated inspiring artworks to be offered to sponsors of the Gold and Platinum kalashas.

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DIAMOND KALASHA - \$1008 (1 ONLY)

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