

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS SAMDECH REACH BOTREI PREAH REAM NORODOM BUPPHA DEVI OF CAMBODIA

Lok Chumteav Ravynn Karet-Coxen
Founder Chairman The Nginn Karet Foundation for Cambodia

Dear Ravynn,

As Patron of the NKFC Preah Ream Buppha Devi Conservatoire since 2006, it is with great joy and pride that I learnt of the dance troupe "Sacred Dancers of Angkor" important tours of the USA this spring as an introduction for the coming fall.

It is a beautiful and meaningful way to connect the Cambodian American communities through "Sacred Dance Rituals" at the Khmer New Year in April and the Buddhist Observance period of remembrance of the Ancestors with also a commemoration of the first year of the passing away of my August Father His Majesty King Norodom Sihanouk in October, as well as introducing to the American audience our classical dance and traditional music, from the East to West coast of America.

I applaud the incredible challenge and achievement of these destitute children born in remote villages of Banteay Srey, within the UNESCO World Heritage Site, who are led by a dedicated and determined Founder and her teachers to protect, promote and perpetuate our legacy from the heart of our cultural heritage.

It is my hope that this Tour will link Cambodian-Americans, culturally and spiritually, back to their roots, generate wider interest in our country and our culture, as well as giving these dedicated and passionate young artists the opportunity to shine on the world stage.

I convey my warmest congratulations to all the members, team and friends of the Nginn Karet Foundation and wish every success for this Tour placed under my Auspices.

With my warmest wishes,

Phnom Penh, 14th March 2013