

## KIRTAN SOUL REVIVAL • EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

### Mantra Music Concerts

#### **Mantra Music Concert with Kirtan Soul Revival**

Sing, dance, and revive your soul with an evening of healing call and response chanting, funky devotional music, and heart-felt sacred song. Through KSR's simple presentation, even non-singers can easily experience the joy of being surrounded by harmony in a space that encourages improvisation and exploration. Join us for a heart-opening, uplifting celebration of life!

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*"I experienced your talent joy and passion for the second time at awaken studio in greenlawn I also listen to your CDs in my car and I can actually feel your smiles as you're all singing ! Thank you!" - Gail Faust Stabbolo, kirtan participant*

*"What a treat to experience your beautiful magic, uplifting Spirits, and the inclusive, sacred space that you create. LOVE!!!" - Lauren Snead, kirtan participant*

*"Kirtan last evening was uplifting and powerful! From the sweetness of the opening OM, to the determined closing call to create what we want in this world, you are always able, inspired guides unifying the community and filling the space with tangible energy. Your hearts and musicianship are pure beauty! You each bring a unique, vital voice to infuse positivity, purpose, and passion to your kirtans and it is a gift to all who bathe in the light and the love that you share. Thank you!" - Kristen Ambrosi, kirtan participant*

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### Chant Workshops

#### **Divine Harmony - A Chant Workshop with Kirtan Soul Revival**

Join Kirtan Soul Revival for an afternoon of chanting, harmonizing, and improvising. In this workshop we will use KSR's songs to explore active listening, learn how to build harmonies, and practice improvising with a melody line. There will be opportunity to sing all together and in small groups. No intimidation here - risks are encouraged and mistakes help us all learn! Come join us in creating beautiful music together that will raise your vibration. For singers of all levels.

#### **Divine Harmony: Singing & Social Justice - A Chant Workshop with Kirtan Soul Revival**

Bhakti yoga has the potential to create deep transformation, both inside of ourselves and in the world around us. This practice can help us to love ourselves and to love one another as we recognize sameness and difference, shadow and light. In this workshop we will use chanting,

discussion and journaling to release judgement of ourselves and others, to explore ways to open our voices and sing in harmony, and to find our individual voice inside of the collective voice. When we sing from the heart we open to our divine potential. We tune our voices and hearts to that which is sacred, so we may use our voices as a tool for empowerment and social change.

### **Find Your Voice, Free Your Spirit! - A Chant Workshop with Kirtan Soul Revival**

Join Kirtan Soul Revival for an afternoon of chanting, harmonizing, improvising and finding your true voice. In this workshop we will explore ways to open our voices using breath and vocal techniques - and learn to love the sound that comes from our bodies. Breathing and vocalizing are a way to relate to the divine and to the world around us through our hearts and our bodies. Through chanting, we tune our voices and hearts to that which is sacred, creating vibrations that activate and awaken our connection to the Divine. Through singing in harmony, we practice balancing giving and receiving; expressing individuality and connecting fully in community. Each of us has a unique voice to contribute and when we free our own voices, we inspire others to do the same. There will be opportunity to sing all together, and in small groups. No intimidation here - risks are encouraged and mistakes help us all learn. Come chant together and support each other in being whole and free - in singing and in life!

Testimonials from past participants of workshops:

*"I am filled up. [Their] love and delight for music shines through. I loved how they wanted us to experience harmonies and how well they were able to teach us to have success. Loved it!"*

*"Very fun and invigorating. I never sing. Today I did!"*

*"My life has been changed forever. Thank you for bringing your music, warm smiles, and beautiful light."*

*..I just wanted to thank you all so much for such a simply blissful day. The workshop was amazing and I sang all around the house and even louder in my car. I just want to say that your voices are truly heaven sent – and I can't wait to hear you guys again!" – Cindy Ackerman (confirmed)*

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## Live Music For Yoga

### **Bhakti Flow: Yoga Class with Live Music**

Kirtan Soul Revival's "Bhakti Flow" yoga class, co-taught by experienced yoga teachers Calia Marshall and Helen Styring Tocci, merges Vinyasa yoga, Bhakti yoga, and dance and is accompanied by the sweet and funky live soundtrack of KSR. Open your heart and deepen your

connection to the spirit of life through this practice which integrates graceful flowing sequences, chanting, creative expression, and evocative music.

**Live Music for Yoga Class**  
***with Kirtan Soul Revival***

KSR is available to accompany your yoga class with chanting and live music! We will follow the flow of the class to support each moment and each instructor's style. This is a wonderful way to create a special class that combines yoga with an inspiring live 'soundtrack'.

**Description:**

Join us for a special Yoga Class with guest musicians Kirtan Soul Revival for an inspiring soundtrack of Live Music and Chanting!

*"It was such a pleasure to have the opportunity to teach yoga to the accompaniment of KSR. The music filled the room and the souls in my class. Everyone remarked how much deeper their practice felt that day from the music."*

Marissa Ferrell, Laughing Dog Yoga, Boston, MA

## KIRTAN SOUL REVIVAL • BIO

Kirtan Soul Revival (KSR) is New York City's funkier devotional mantra music experience. Since 2011 they have been fusing traditional Sanskrit mantras, original music, and music from around the world to create a unique, dynamic sound that merges guitar-driven funk, rock, gospel, rhythm and blues, world grooves, and chants. Soul-stirring vocals and three part harmony add fullness and depth to their sound. Calia Marshall, Helen Styring Tocci, and Todd Keller with drummer Terrence Pompey, are all longtime yoga practitioners and musicians. They have created a singular sound in the growing genre of mantra music. **KSR brings the connecting power of harmony and a fusion of Eastern and Western sounds to a public craving more positivity, love and community in its music and life.**

Kirtan is a celebration of spirit through the chanting of sacred names. KSR invites their audiences to participate fully through call-and-response chanting. Through their simple presentation, even non-singers can easily experience the joy of being surrounded by harmony in a space that encourages improvisation and exploration. The Kirtan Soul Revival experience invites participants to open their hearts to Spirit and to life!

'Here for Love,' Kirtan Soul Revival's first full-length album, has received wide acclaim for its fresh and uplifting voice in the world of mantra music. KSR has been profiled in publications worldwide, including Yoga Magazine UK, Australian Yoga Life Magazine and Yoga City NYC. Their music has been featured on radio stations both internationally and here at home, and are in regular rotation on Krishna Das' SiriusXM station. Their song "Kali Ma" was also selected for the Kripalu Seva Cd 6 alongside tracks from diverse artists including CC White and Sean Johnson. 'Remix' is KSR's newest full-length album, a collection of chants remixed by well-known conscious music producers/DJ's, including Srikalogy, Duke Mushroom, and tm.pOMpey, that David Newman/Durga Das calls "an absolutely energizing and inspiring listening experience."

KSR has led kirtans in and around New York City (including Integral Yoga Institute, Jivamukti Yoga and Laughing Lotus Yoga Center). With many successful tours on the East and West coasts, they have played numerous times at Kripalu and Omega Institute and at festivals such as Wanderlust, Bhakti Fest, Love Light Festival, Unifier Festival, Hamptons Yoga Fest, Philly Shakti Fest, Ahimsa Yoga & Music Festival, VerMantra, and Berwick Yoga Festival in Nova Scotia. They have recorded with Krishna Das, The Hanumen, John de Kadt, Prema Hara, Saul David Raye and Devadas.

KSR's chant workshops have been offered to groups as large as 120 people. They also teach heart-centered yoga classes infusing flowing vinyasa and breath-centered movement with live music and chanting. Helen is a certified yoga teacher through the Nosara Yoga Institute. She is also a CircusYoga leader and teaches workshops, retreats and teacher trainings nationally. Calia is a certified yoga instructor (E-RYT 200, RYT 500) who trained at Laughing Lotus Yoga Center in NYC and with Saul David Raye through Ritam Healing Arts. She co-leads Yoga in Action trainings, a program of Off the Mat, Into the World, which supports participants in embarking on a journey of self-inquiry, leading to action within communities & the outside world.

**Website:** <http://kirtansoulrevival.com>

**Direct link to buy our music:** <http://www.cdbaby.com/cd/kirtansoulrevival>

**Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/kirtansoulrevival>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/KirtanSoul>

**Instagram:** <http://instagram.com/kirtansoulrevival>

**YouTube videos:**

- Maha Mantra - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xjuajb2Sm8Q>
- Only Here For Love - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ao2UIrIt9wc>
- Imagine - [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhGsrSFo\\_zl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhGsrSFo_zl)

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**Sean Johnson, kirtan artist**

*"I played Ganesha Sharanam by Kirtan Soul Revival for about 2 months straight in my car. I just couldn't get enough of it. What great energy and fresh melodies, I just love these three! They have great voices and lots of bhakti to share."*

**Wah!, kirtan artist**

*"Kirtan Soul Revival is a fresh and exuberant addition to the world of Kirtan. This NYC based trio mixes heart drenched melodies, lush harmonies and infectious grooves, serving up a sultry and dreamy passion that works it's way into every corner of your heart. In person or on CD, their original chants will get your hands clapping and feet stomping. This group is not to be missed!"*

**Mike Cohen, kirtan artist**

*"KSR has a unique sound - beautiful vocals and harmonies, earthy arrangements, and juicy electric guitar. They're sweet, funky and fun. As young Mantra Musicians, they bring a special energy to their chanting and a great blend of traditional and modern sounds. They are undoubtedly part of the Mantra Revolution and share my passion of bringing kirtan and sacred music to the masses."*

**Gaura Vani, kirtan artist**

*"Where many bands, of any genre, may have one outstanding vocalist who carries the weight of the*

*singing, KSR has three. And they don't hold back. In between solos showcasing their individual vocal prowess, they were belting out three-part harmonies like the best acapella barbershop trio. You couldn't help but sit up and take notice."*

**The Bhakti Beat**

*"What a JOY to hear the beautiful melodies and sweet harmonies of Kirtan Soul Revival on "Remix" envisioned to shine in a new and exciting way. Great music coupled with great grooves brings an absolutely energizing and inspiring listening experience. You won't be able to sit still, guaranteed!"*

**David Newman aka Durga Das, kirtan artist**