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Newsletter for the Los Angeles Mumbai Sister City Affiliation

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*Peace* for the world. *WORLD PEACE. Inner Peace. Tranquility. Freedom. Unity. Friendship. Love.* These words will elicit varying responses from every individual. Every citizen will bring their singular or multifaceted interpretation of the concept to any effort of achieving peace. Therein lies the beauty and the challenge. To invite the many to agree may seem to be an insurmountable task, but perhaps not if we accept that we are all in agreement to begin with and that every idea is a valid initiative pointing toward the ultimate goal.

There are many paths to peace. Every day in our world individuals are striving to create an environment of cooperation in one form or another. The volunteer organizations are countless and their efforts come from the heart of each person giving freely of their time to make the planet a more loving and hospitable place. Every year our own Sister City Affiliation sends funds raised to a place of need in Mumbai. This year as a result of the terrorist attacks there, we chose to give the funds to those affected by the violence.

In reaction to the acts of aggression that riveted the world, councilman Tom LaBonge, surrounded by members of L.A. Sister Cities, held a press conference extending condolences and offering support to the people of Mumbai. Those in attendance wore white armbands in a gesture of solidarity; while white represents peace, the color for mourning in India, it is also the color of peace. At this event our chairperson Mira Advani had the idea to create white peace bracelets and coined the phrase "Terrorism is a disease of a different kind." Several days later board members gathered and the bracelets were designed (by yours truly) and made. Since then we have been working diligently to create our "Peace Bands." We create them in memory of all those victimized by terrorist attacks and in symbolic gesture and pronouncement of our desire to create peace, in the belief that what we focus on we create. It is our intention to eventually have the bracelets made in India creating jobs. For now we are making them ourselves and asking everyone to join us in wearing a white band that emblematically invites a raising of consciousness and unity with strangers toward one goal. When you see a wrist adorned with a simple white band you will be reminded that you are not alone in the ultimate dream for our planet. Join the Peace Band!



Photo: L. Maser

- Lane Maser, President

**In response to tragedy,**

**an evolution toward hope**



LEFT TO RIGHT: LANE MASER, DR LINDA BLAKELEY, HONEYCUTT, COUNCILMAN (4TH DISTRICT) TOM LABONGE, MARVIN MARKOWITZ, CHAIRPERSON, EILAT SISTER CITY AND KAMILLA BLANCHE.

PHOTO: KIRK HONEYCUTT

CHAIRPERSON MIRA ADVANI HONEYCUTT AND MEMBERS OF THE LA MUMBAI SISTER CITY WERE JOINED BY CIVIC AND LOCAL LEADERS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008 IN A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST THE TERRORIST ATTACKS THAT OCCURRED IN MUMBAI. THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD CITY HALL WAS ORGANIZED BY LABONGE AND TOOK PLACE BEFORE THE ANNUAL HOLLYWOOD SANTA PARADE. MEMBERS RIDING THE SISTER CITIES FLOAT DONNED WHITE ARMBANDS, THE TRADITIONAL COLOR OF MOURNING IN INDIA.

**Sowing the seeds for**

**a shift in consciousness**



JANET ELLIOTT OF THE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES TAKES A SMALL COLLECTION OF PEACEBANDS TO DISTRIBUTE ON HER RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. SHE REPORTS SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN WAS ONE OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC RECIPIENTS.



A freshly made PeaceBand  
If you are interested in  
volunteering to help us make  
our PeaceBands please e-mail  
us with your availability at:  
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Photos: Lane Maser



# little india tour

*Explore the Sights & Tastes Of India And Never Leave Los Angeles*

Have you always wanted to know food of India? Did you know that there are more than 60,000 sub-continent mostly residing in this year Artesia celebrates



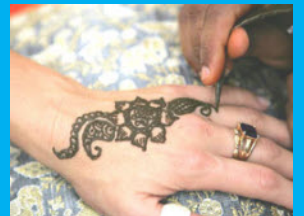
more about the culture and in Los Angeles County alone residents from the Central Asian the Artesia area? And that it's fiftieth anniversary?

Well, members of the Los Angeles Mumbai (formerly Bombay) Sister City Affiliation will be conducting a tour of this exotic part of the County known as Little India.

The four-hour tour will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 28th with a savory Vegetarian Brunch and conclude at 3 p.m. with flavorful cooling Indian ice creams at Saffron Spot and traditional Chai Mumbai.



Between feasts the tour will stroll through Little India visiting a variety of shops and



learn about such topics as traditional Indian wedding jewelry; special occasion saris; contemporary music;

ceremonial henna tattoos; and tour of a spice store and market.

Take this wonderful opportunity to shop the ancient silk route and pick up an assortment of gifts for your summer holidays.

Tickets: \$35/person. Space limited. Checks must be received by March 10th.

Payable to: LA Mumbai Sister City Affiliation

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Please enclose names of all people in your group, a contact telephone number, email and street address. Once your check has been received you will be contacted about the meeting location for the beginning of the tour.

For further information contact: [m.advani@att.net](mailto:m.advani@att.net)

The Los Angeles Mumbai Sister City Affiliation is a non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to the promotion of intercultural understanding.



## Recently...

Chairperson Mira Advani Honeycutt with Danny Boyle, director of "Slumdog Millionaire" at the LA Film Critics Awards dinner held in January at the Intercontinental Hotel, Century City. The runaway hit has bagged numerous awards including 10 Oscar nominations and is anticipated to win the Best Picture award on Oscar night February 22nd.

Members of various Los Angeles Sister Cities join Councilman Tom LaBonge at a press conference to kick off the Los Angeles Travel and Adventure Show held at the L.A. Convention Center on February 14th & 15th. This year marked the first time Sister Cities of Los Angeles participated in the event.



## To Attend...

**Little India Tour** given by Los Angeles Sister City Affiliation - Saturday, March 28th, 11 a.m.

**Music Circle concert** being held in Herrick Chapel at Occidental College in Eagle Rock - April 11th, at 8 P.M. The artist is Aashish Khan playing the sarod. More information is available at (626)449-6987 Prices are \$30.00 for general admission and \$20.00 for members of the Music Circle .

**The Spring Festival of World Music**, will be held at U.C.L.A. May 16th and 17th at 7.p.m and May 28.-31 at 7.p.m.. For more information, their web-site is; [www. ethnomusic.ucla.edu/newsevents](http://www.ethnomusic.ucla.edu/newsevents)



**Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles - IFFLA 2009** will take place on April 21-26 at ArLight Hollywood, a state-of-the-art facility in the heart of Los Angeles.

Visit their website: <http://www.indianfilmfestival.org/>

**An evening of Bollywood Dance Theatre!** - April 26, 2009 7.30PM *blue13 dance company*, featuring cheeky premieres, and the best of Bollywood music, including original compositions by Tej Gill. Box Office: 310-434-3200 <http://www.blue13dance.com> - \$20 Seating. The Edge Stage is located behind The Broad Stage on the SMC Performing Arts Center campus 1310 11th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401





## Upcoming Los Angeles Sister City Events

March 17th St Patrick's Day Parade

March 18th Hollywood Travel Expo

MAY 7TH SISTER CITIES KICK OFF @ AT THE ADOBE

JUNE 7TH CULTURAL DAY AT THE GROVE

JUNE 18TH SUMMER SOLSTICE HIKE (TO BE CONFIRMED)

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