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Student Entertainment Events Presents: The Mystical Arts of Tibet

Student Entertainment Events and the Union Gallery is pleased to announce a performing arts event featuring the Monks of the Drepung Monastery, who will create a sand mandala in silence over three days. At 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, the Monks will have an opening ceremony in the Union Gallery of the Adele H. Stamp Student Union. The event will continue until 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, and the closing ceremony will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 4:30 p.m. This event will not be ticketed.

From all the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism, that of painting with colored sand is one of the most unique and exquisite. In Tibet this art is called "dul-tson-kyil-khor," which literally means "mandala of colored powders." Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform over a period of days or weeks.

Formed of a traditional prescribed iconography that includes geometric shapes and a multitude of ancient spiritual symbols, the sand-painted mandala is used as a tool for re-consecrating the earth and its inhabitants.

To arrange an interview or receive more press information please contact Maggy Baccinelli, the Student Entertainment Events' Public Relations Director at (301)-314-8498 or via e-mail. When submitting a request include your name, press affiliation, and contact information.

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