



Please join us for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the arrival of the Ashe.

On Sunday, October 25, in person or online

On October 25th, 1976, the Vidyadhara Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche discovered and transmitted to a few of his closest students the Ashe principle and calligraphy. Following this watershed moment in the evolution of our community, the Shambhala teachings on basic goodness and enlightened society manifested as integral to the Vidyadhara's life work. The Ashe symbolizes the heart of these teachings.

In celebration of this moment, we have arranged a day of

- practice,
- video and audio recordings by the Vidyadhara,
- discussions and demonstrations,
- with a Shaza ceremony
- and a celebratory banquet.

Both in-person and online participation are welcome.

We are especially pleased to announce that in honour of this occasion, John Soyu McGee Sensei and Alexander Soro Avdoulov Sensei, with senior chanoyu students, have offered to share a live demonstration of their practice of the Shaza ceremony via Zoom from the Yukoan tearoom in the Halifax Shambhala Centre. As described below, the ceremony embodies a unique cultural affinity to the spirit of enlightened society:

SHAZA is one of the original seven practices created in 1747 to cultivate both technical precision and spiritual discipline. It consists of five elements performed by five different people - flowers, fire, incense, and two different teas. The core philosophical theme of SHAZA comes from the Lotus sutra verse: "All things abide in their natural, proper places." Acceptance of whatever role is drawn trains the practitioners to maintain mindfulness, presence and respect for self, for others and for the movement of time. Because five people actively share host-like duties within the same space, success depends on unspoken harmony, smooth transition, and flawless spatial awareness without verbal communication.

We are grateful to the Senseis and their students for their generosity in offering this gift on our day of celebration.

Pre-requisites apply: Stroke and lungta transmissions.

You are welcome to join us for the whole 5-day conference or just for this Ashe Jubilee Day, either in person or online.

If you are joining us just for Jubilee Day, the Kalapa Study Group and Dorje Denma Ling invite you to use the ESVF 50% discount for the day, as a way of encouraging and thanking you for being part of this special occasion.

How to register for Jubilee Day:

In person: At registration, select October 25 as your check-in date and choose the Day Pass option in the Lodging section, at the regular price of \$125. Complete the registration form and enter the code **ESVF50%** in the Payment section. Your cost will be **\$72.50**.

Online: At registration, enter the regular minimum price of \$108. Complete the registration form and enter the code **ESVF50%** in the Payment section. Your cost will be **\$54**.



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