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CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS




ARN CHORN-POND MUSICIAN, HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST, AND FOUNDER OF CAMBODIAN LIVING ARTS


Arn, a genocide survivor, escaped from a child labor camp and made it to the U.S. as a refugee. He returned to Cambodia where he founded Cambodian Living Arts (CLA) in 1998. CLA works to preserve and revitalize Cambodian performing arts for the first decade. Today, CLA has become a catalyst in the vibrant arts sector, inspiring the next generation.

Arn was one of the first recipients of the Reebok Human Rights Award in 1988, and he received the 1991 Amnesty International Human Rights Award, the 1993 Kohl Foundation International Peace Prize, and the 1996 Spirit of Anne Frank Outstanding Citizen Award.

Learn More about Arn

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Arn Chorn-Pond's Fall 2025 US Speaking Tour

Join us for an inspiring journey of healing through art! This fall, Arn Chorn-Pond will embark on a transformative US tour, sharing his remarkable story of resilience and the power of music to heal communities. Arn will engage with diverse audiences, especially schools, colleges, universities, and communities through conversations, musical performances, and interactive workshops. His personal narrative of using art as a means of healing offers profound insights for today's challenging times.

From September through October 2025, Arn will visit various cities/states with the following tentative schedule:

- Providence, Rhode Island (Sept. 20-27)
- Massachusetts, Vermont, and Connecticut (Sept. 28 – Oct. 7)
- New York and New Jersey (Oct. 8-15)
- Chicago and San Francisco (Oct. 16-23)
- Washington, DC (Oct. 24-31)

We welcome additional cities and communities who are interested in being part of this meaningful experience. Please contact us for more information at development@cambodianlivingarts.org

A LIFE OF HEALING, MUSIC AND HOPE

In 1984, Arn became the first Cambodian child soldier to speak publicly about the atrocities that occurred during the Cambodian genocide, delivering a speech to 10,000 people at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Arn has since led talks and workshops at conferences, universities and high schools around the world, seeking to inspire others by sharing his personal story of resilience and healing. During this talk, Arn will bring us on a journey through the following topics.



HIS PERSONAL STORY

Arn will share his experiences from childhood during the Khmer Rouge regime, explain how music saved his life, and discuss his book, "Never Fall Down," co-authored by Patricia McCormick.

THE HEALING POWER OF ART

A strong believer in the power of art to heal individuals and communities, Arn Chorn-Pond will discuss how the arts helped him heal and inspired him to help others heal themselves as well.



ARTS FOR TRANSFORMATION

Arn will discuss the transformative role of arts in society, particularly in post-conflict settings. He will explore how Cambodia's artistic revival can serve as a model for other nations.

SPEAKING GUIDELINES

Large-audience speaking engagements typically last 30-60 minutes (45 minutes is the norm), followed by a question and answer period.

Arn is happy to spend time visiting one or more classrooms for small-group interaction or music classes, where he loves to share his flute playing and encourage students. His speaking engagements and visits are most appropriate for middle school, high school, college students, adult audiences and wider communities.

Most schools will have their students read the book "Never Fall Down" by Patricia McCormick (Harper Collins, 2012), which chronicles Arn's journey from a child caught in the Khmer Rouge genocide to becoming a man of peace.

INVESTING IN CAMBODIA'S CREATIVE FUTURE: SPEAKING FEE

\$3,500 plus additional expenses for Arn's accommodation, local transportation, and meals. Arn is very flexible and can stay at either parents' homes or the organizer's home.

Your speaking fee will directly support Cambodian Living Arts. Each engagement funds a full year's scholarship for a talented young artist in Cambodia, nurturing the next generation of creative voices. By hosting Arn, you become part of an inspiring journey to transform lives, preserve and develop Cambodia's rich artistic heritage.