

Ramayana in the Park 2018 was Spectacular! Thanks for Your Love and Support

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It was love and humility all the way. The idea was to keep the name of Lord Rama alive and to sing his glories in New York, and beyond. He gave us perfect weather in which to chant His name. The tenth anniversary of Ramayana

in the Park was historic in several ways. It was the first time that several of our distinguished Pandits would ascend the Asan and deliver their sermons or pravachans to the public. Pandits Vyaas Sukul from the Vishnu Mandir in the Bronx and Tillack-

dharry Seerattan from the Shri Devi Mandir, in Queens, excelled and left the audience wanting more. Pandit Vyaas followed in the footsteps of his dad, Pandit Vishnu Sukul, and left an indelible message of love and sacrifice. It was a pleasure to welcome the busload of devotees from the Bronx and to

listen to Kavita Khemraj with her messages. Pandit Chunelall Narine from the Shri Trimurti Bhavan read Uttar Kaanda wonderfully well for all ten years and brought the message of Lord Rama closer to the heart of the community. Pandit Mochan Persaud read beautifully from Baal Kaanda while Pan-

dit Ravi Ramsamooj delivered a sermon in nineteen ragas on Ayodhya Kaanda that was fit for Broadway. The young lions, Pandit Mohan Narine and Acharya Arun Gosai, did justice to Sundar Kaanda and Lanka Kaanda, respectively. Pandit Mohan showed why he is a doctoral

student by delivering a well-structured pravachan while Acharya Arun thrilled his audience with his message of bridge-building and co-operation. He brought old memories to life when he sang with Pandit Chunelall as a tribute to his dad, Shri Prakash Gossai. Pandit Mahadeo

Deopersaud was to the point with his discussion of the Gita and Mahatam. His analysis of the different kinds of attachments was most relevant. The Ramayana in the Park Committee members worked hard to put the event together. They include Dr. Dhanpaul Narine, Herman Singh,

Roy Dhanraj Singh, Don G. Persaud, Naro Balli, Ena Persaud, Shanta Brijmohan, Soomdat Chanderdat, Ramona Devi Maharaj and Rohan Narine. There were also numerous persons that helped in various ways, including Joy and Sase Singh, Sindy Singh, Indra Singh, Val, Suru-

jpaul and Rebecca Singh our top notch decorators, Mataji Champa Singh, Mataji Chandrouti Persaud, Marlene Sharma, Indrawatty Shivnarain, Ruby Ramdass, Mendra Singh and Rajesh, Ramchand and Komal. Dr. Kamini Doobay and attorney Aminta Kilawan Narine left poignant and stirring messages. The

closing ceremony, in which Mataji Chandroutie took the Ramayana out of the Yard, was most moving. Hanso and Shanta Brijmohan renewed their marriage vows and Rajpattie Shiwkaran, and her son Matthew, provided wonderful music. Ramayana in the Park 2018 has left lasting memories

that will be cherished. Next year's Ramayana in the Park will commence on August 17th with the traditional youth concert.

Thanks to our friends, donors and supporters. Let us stay close to Lord Rama and sing His praises. Jai Shree Ram!



Dr. Dhanpaul Narine



Some of the performers at the Youth Concert.



Members of Bhuvaneshwar Mandir at the Youth Concert.



Vyaasji Pandit Mochan Persaud read beautifully from Baal Kaanda. Here, he poses with members of Sri Vigneshwar Mandir



Vyaasji Pandit Ravi Ramsamooj (with pagree) from the Arya Spiritual Center, delivered a wonderful pravachan, set to music, from Ayodhya Kaanda



Vyaasji Pandit Tillackdharry Seerattan from the Shri Devi Mandir left an unforgettable message from Aranya Kaanda. His number one supporter is his wife Kamla



Wonderful devotees from the Vishnu Mandir in the Bronx



Vyaasji Pandit Chunelall Narine, priest-in-charge of the Shri Trimurti Bhavan, delivers a soul-stirring message from Uttar Kaanda.



Vyaasji Pandit Mohan Narine is from the Shri Trimurti Bhavan. He is a doctoral student and he gave a scholarly presentation from Sundar Kaanda



Mother Sita brings good tidings to the devotees



Vyaasji Acharya Arun Gosai, from Bhuvaneshwar Mandir, thrilled devotees with his pravachan from Lanka Kaanda



Vyaasji Pandit Vyaas Sukul, from the Vishnu Mandir, made an impressive debut reading from Kishkinda Kaanda



Pandit Chunelall and Acharya Arun team up to sing 'Kanha Teri Basuri' as a tribute to the late Shri Prakash Gossai.



Hanuman, Latchman, Lord Rama and Mother Sita made their appearance at Ramayana in the Park.



Mataji Chandrouti Persaud hands over the Ramayana to Pandit Mahadeo Deopersaud for safekeeping for another year.



Members of the Boodoosingh Tassa Group played magnificently at Ramayana in the Park.



Vyaasji Pandit Mahadeo Deopersaud was on point with his discussion from the Gita and Mahatam.