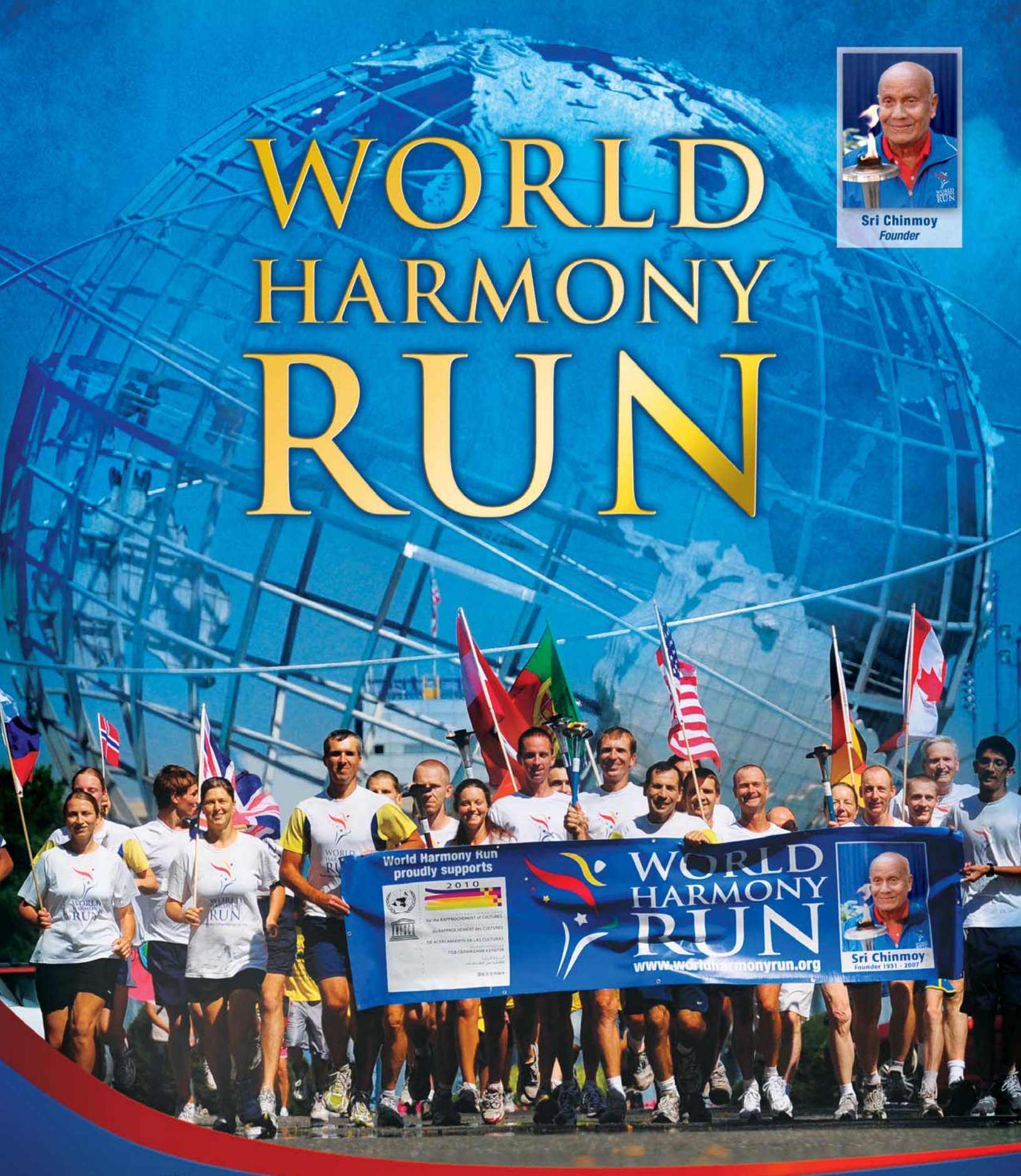
# WORLD HARMONY RUN



Sri Chinmoy
*Founder*



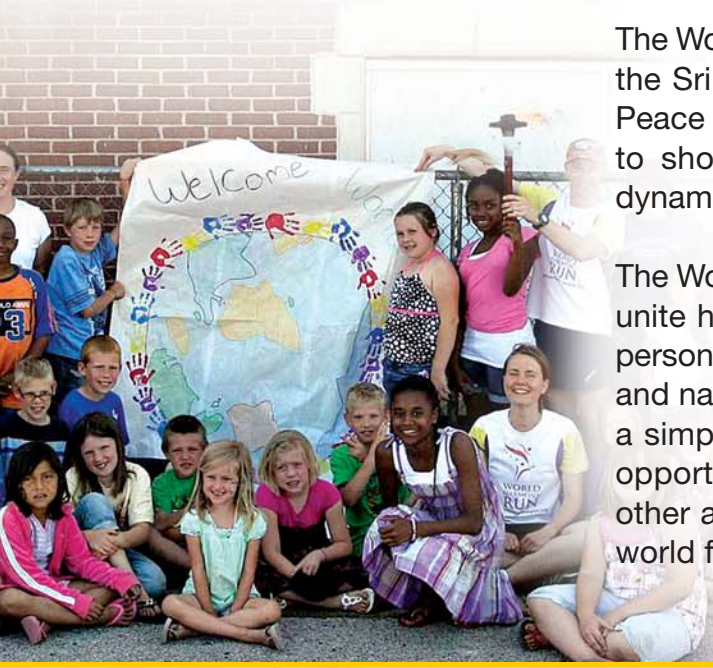

Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home
PEACE RUN

## 25th Anniversary

*Running for Peace and Harmony since 1987*

**"World harmony, world peace: these are not mere dictionary words. These are the realities, divine realities and supreme realities."**

– Sri Chinmoy, Founder of the World Harmony Run




The World Harmony Run, formerly the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, was founded in 1987 to show that world peace is a dynamic, achievable goal.

The World Harmony Run seeks to unite humanity, linking person to person, community to community and nation to nation by providing a simple, practical, and heartfelt opportunity to welcome each other as members of a oneness-world family.

Years in which global relay took place: **1987 1989 1991 1993 1995 1997**

Shambhu Vineberg (centre), the first Executive Director. Narada Michael Walden, Mokshagun Clarence Clemons and Sudhahota Carl Lewis.

**Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev** holds the torch with Raisa Maximovna as Sri Chinmoy looks on.

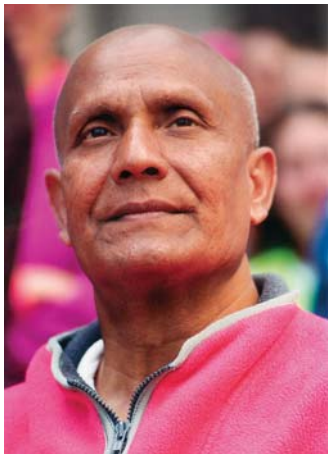
**Mother Teresa** and Sri Chinmoy celebrate the spirit of harmony.

**Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa**, and his wife Mama Graça Machel with Sri Chinmoy.

## Founder – Sri Chinmoy

The World Harmony Run was founded in 1987 by the late peace visionary Sri Chinmoy in a spirit of love, harmony and oneness. This spirit permeates the Run and touches the hearts of all those who participate.

***An athlete, philosopher, artist, musician and poet, Sri Chinmoy dedicated his life to advancing the ideals of world friendship and oneness.***



## How the Run serves the world

Hiroshima Peace Park.

The Run visits renowned heritage and cultural sites, many recognized by UNESCO, to encourage people to experience the values and culture of others.

The World Harmony Run theme song has been performed in many countries and languages, providing joyful ways to express harmony and to share unique talents.

Harmony-themed art exhibits and poetry events are wonderful occasions to bring people together to express universal aspirations.

The World Harmony Run has been welcomed in churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship. Through the World Harmony Run a culture of peace, and a feeling of universal oneness is being fostered.

Appreciating the unity in diversity strengthens us. Far more unites than divides us. Above is a group of students in South Africa.

The Torch-Bearer Award program recognizes individual efforts by honoring peace-building pioneers from all age groups.

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**1999 2001 2005 2006 2008 2010 2012**

**European Relay** visits 42 countries and takes place each day of the year in 1999.

**Sri Chinmoy** renames the Peace Run the World Harmony Run and launches it in April of 2005.

An international team representing 35 countries relays a torch 10,000 miles around Australia in 2008.

Moscow hosts the first-ever joining of the Asian and European Runs covering a total of 63 countries in 2010.

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## World Harmony Run Theme Song

Listen on www.worldharmonyrun.org/song

## Countries and Territories Participating since 1987

Albania
Andorra
Antarctica
Antigua & Barbuda
Armenia
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Chile
China
Colombia
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Dominica
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
England
Estonia
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
France
Gambia
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
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Maldives
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Malta
Mexico
Moldova
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Myanmar
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Northern Ireland
Norway
Palestine
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Puerto Rico
Romania
Russian Federation
Samoa
San Marino
Scotland
Senegal
Serbia
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent & The Grenadines
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Taiwan
Tanzania
Turkmenistan
Thailand
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
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United Arab Emirates
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