



# KATHMANDU VALLEY PRESERVATION TRUST

ANNOUNCES THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE  
**THUM BAHU NARAYAN TEMPLE (1575 A.D.)**

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### MONUMENTS SAVED

GOKARNA PARVATI TEMPLE (1991)  
UMA MAHESWAR TEMPLE (1992)  
KWALKHU GANESH MANDIR (1992)  
RADHA KRISHNA TEMPLE (1993)  
KWALKHU PATI (1994)  
MANI GUFU TEMPLE (1994)  
LAKHE SHRESTHA TOWER (1996)  
PATUKVA AGAM SHRINE (1996)  
KULIMA NARAYAN TEMPLE (1997)  
SULIMA RATNESVARA TEMPLE (1998)  
AYUGUTHI SATTAL (ONGOING)  
CHOBAR GANESH TEMPLE (ONGOING)

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THE DIRECTORS OF THE TRUST  
INVITE YOU TO

THE UNFURLING OF NEPAL'S LARGEST HAND-KNOTTED CARPET  
The Millennium Line of Veedon Fleece Carpets (U.K.)

*and*

MASTERPIECES OF DURGA MAN CHITRAKAR  
An Exhibition of Rare Historical Photographs (1908-18)

*followed by*

A GALA CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION  
WITH ENTERTAINMENT BY THE ROYAL STRING QUARTET

TO BENEFIT THE RESTORATION OF THUM BAHU NARAYAN TEMPLE  
PATAN DURBAR UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

*at*

BABAR MAHAL REVISTED  
MAITIGHAR CROSSROADS, KATHMANDU

*on*

FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCT. 1998

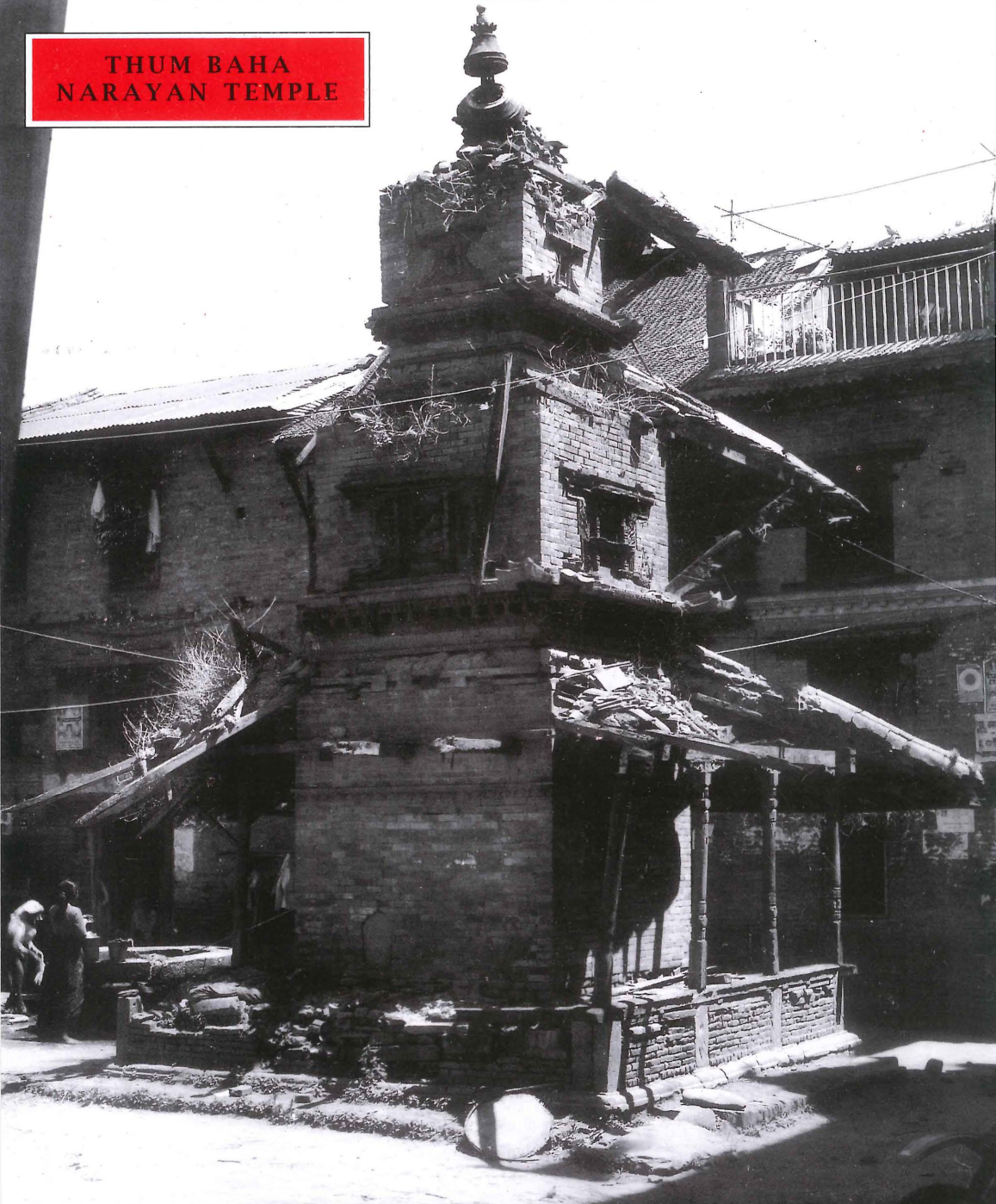
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EXHIBITION DOORS OPEN: 5:00 PM WELCOME CEREMONY: 5:30 PM  
CHAMPAGNE & CANAPES: 5:30-7:00 PM

*Kindly bring along this card for entrance.*

THUM BAHA  
NARAYAN TEMPLE



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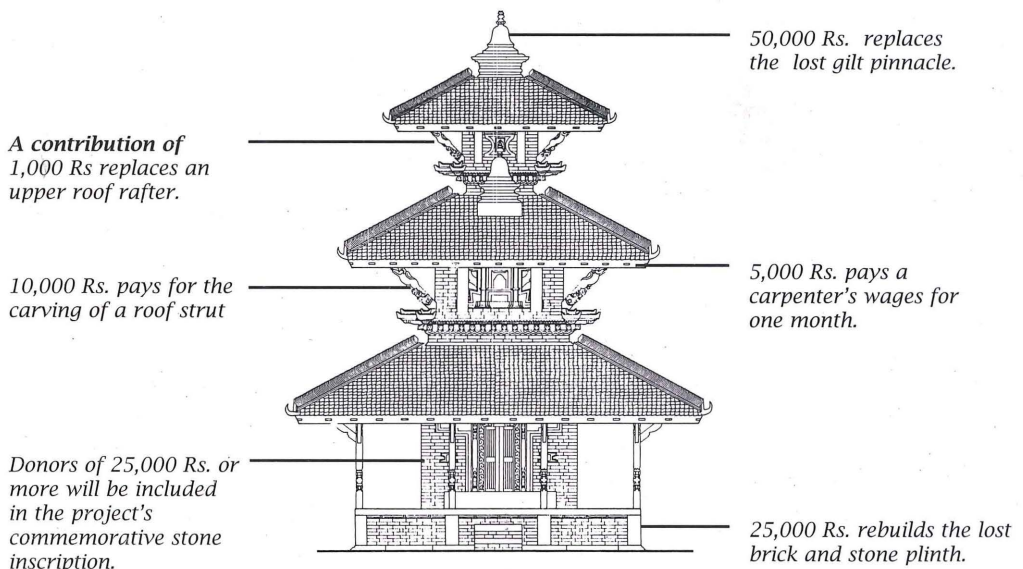
# THUM BAHA NARAYAN TEMPLE

*a threatened 16th century pagoda in the Patan World Heritage Site*

The restoration of this ruinous 16th century temple will complete the Trust's seven year initiative to restore nine threatened monuments of outstanding artistic and historical importance within the Patan Darbar World Heritage Site. This three tiered temple, an unusual example of an early diminutive colonnaded pagoda, was offered in 1575 A.D. by a neighborhood family. The temple dedicated to Lord Vishnu was in continuous worship until collapse of the roof in the monsoon of 1982. It dominates a small plaza defined on one side by the 15th century Thum Baha, the Buddhist monastery from which this Hindu temple takes its name.

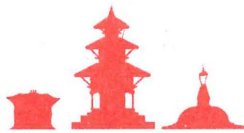
A comprehensive restoration program will rebuild the ruinous structure including conservation of the surviving woodcarvings and state-of-the-art seismic strengthening. Carefully supervised project implementation focusing on the training of Nepalese conservation professionals guarantees the highest international standard.

The only international charity exclusively dedicated to architectural preservation in Nepal, the Trust has notably been the first to attract private-sector support from both the local and international communities. Help us to carry on this important work—**your contribution makes a difference !**



**Local construction budget: NRs. 21,76,850**

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

A successful fundraiser in Kathmandu is one reason to send you this note and share that and other positive developments--support for the Trust is coming from many sides and we are looking forward to an active program of activities in 1999.

**Thum Baha Narayan-Kathmandu Fundraiser.** Newly appointed Director of Development/Nepal, Mr. Gitu Rana organized a successful fundraiser in Kathmandu on October 16 to support the restoration of Thum Baha Narayan Temple in the Patan World Heritage Site (enclosed a sample of the literature from the event). Board members Mr. and Mrs Himalaya Pande and Mrs. Rajni Malla Fistolera generously helped with logistics for the event.

Nrs. 404,000 or \$5,855 were the net proceeds from the gala cocktail party--a target construction calendar of January-December, 1999 for the project will be contingent on ongoing and additional fundraising activities. We are urgently looking for another \$20,000 to meet the 50% funding mark that will allow us to begin construction by January. Future fundraisers will include a major event in New York to coincide with Asia week around April 1, as was successfully organized by Board member Cathryn Collins last year.

A new fundraising scheme is cooking up in the UK thanks to initiative from major donors to the recent Thum Baha event Adam and Clare Gilchrist of Veedon Fleece. They are in touch with old Trust friends Peter Burman, Sir Bernard Feilden, William Stonor, and Marcus Cotton.

**Chobar Ganesh Temple restoration.** The ongoing restoration and repair of the venerable Chobar Ganesh Temple on the Valley's southern edge is underway thanks to the generous patronage of Their Royal Highesses Princess Helen and Princess Jayanti Shah. The first phase of work including the rebuilding of the damaged roofs of the principal pagoda temple will be completed in January, 1999.

**Nepal's oldest pagoda.** Finishing touches are in progress to complete the comprehensive restoration of the Sulima Ratnesvara in Patan, the oldest surviving pagoda structure in Nepal. This model effort was initiated through and received major support from Himlayan Bank Private Ltd. (Nepal); additional matching funds were donated by the Robert W. Wilson Challenge for Conserving our Heritage, under the auspices of the World Monuments Fund (USA).

**New research and fundraising efforts** are underway to launch "Buddhist Kathmandu," a seven year initiative to save half a dozen monuments of world importance in a historic neighborhood just north of the Kathmandu Darbar World Heritage Site. Included in this masterplan are the early Buddhist quadrangles at Itum Baha and Yetkha Baha as well a pilgrim's house and shrine building which represent the oldest surviving examples of their building type, respectively. Another focus of development work is the establishment of a Nepal Architecture Archive in collaboration with the Frances Loeb Library at Harvard University.

**INGO approved!** His Majesty's Government of Nepal last week approved the Trust's registration as the first international non-government organization (INGO) in the country dedicated to architectural preservation.

Our Chairman Emeritus, Dr. Eduard Sekler, now visiting in Nepal, joins me in sending best greetings to all of you. Send us your ideas or suggestions for fundraising and publicity...

All the best, -

Erich Theophile  
Executive Director