

August 4, 2020 Kirtan Academy: Bhakti Heart Fire Updates:

For anyone considering joining us for Kirtan Academy: Bhakti Heart Fire, here are the exciting details we sent to participants. We'd love for you to join us!

Dear 2020 Bhakti Heart Fire Registrants,

We hope that you are healthy and well during these rapidly changing times. We've been holding you, our community, in our hearts and hope you've been able to experience gifts alongside any challenges during this time.

We are writing to let you know we have some news about the upcoming Kirtan Academy: Bhakti Heart Fire training.

Because of the current provincial guidelines around "instruction that involves singing" (Reg. 364/20), we will be adapting our schedule and dividing our 5 1/2 day training into two main parts:

Online: November 6-8, 2020

In Person: May 6-9, 2021

We'll also meet for one evening online on **February 11, 2021** to keep the Bhakti energy alive and stay connected as a group. For the full listing of scheduled training hours please see the [website listing here](#).

Including training time in May gives us the opportunity for in-person group work when the temperature will allow us to gather and chant in an open air space if required (in London). Talking and singing in the open air is considered very low risk for transmission of Covid-19, and keeping 2 metres apart while outside lowers that risk even further.

If restrictions have changed at that time and it is deemed safe, we will be able to meet indoors at First St. Andrews United Church.

Please be assured that your health and well-being are foremost in all of our decisions.

Online learning:

Yoga Alliance International and Canadian Yoga Alliance are temporarily supporting Registered Yoga Schools to offer training weekends online during Covid-19. This means your course credit will still be eligible for your 300/500 track with DevaTree School of Yoga.

The good news is we've learned a lot from our current students these past 5 months, who have either shifted partway, or started and completed trainings online. Folks are learning

as expected, enjoying their time together (both in class and in “student lounge” breakout rooms), as well as finding their online yoga weekends helpful for easing general stress and anxiety. From the beginning we’ve also done everything we can to structure the schedule into bite-size lessons that help prevent Zoom fatigue.

Our online sessions will take place over the video-conference platform Zoom, which does not require any special software or subscription. You’ll simply get an email invitation, click the link, and meet your new yoga circle. If your new to Zoom, we’ll be sending detailed instructions closer to the date. Anyone who does not have access to a computer or laptop with a video camera, we can brainstorm with you to help you find ideas and solutions.

You’ll be receiving your Kirtan Academy: Bhakti Heart Fire manual electronically and we’ll share more details in the coming weeks about how to prepare yourself for online learning.

We’re excited that we’ve been able to create a modified schedule to continue to chant together and respect government guidelines. We know the power of sacred chant is healing and transformative and being able to join together in community at this time gives us hope.

Please reach out to Candice info@devatree.com with any questions or concerns.

Much Love,

Brenda, Carolyn, Tamika, Candice, and Jillian