

## A Call to all Meher Baba Lovers:



**We invite you  
to participate and contribute to  
the 62nd Anniversary  
at Avatar's Abode, June 5-8.**

**An Online Celebration.**

**The Anniversary at Avatar's Abode, Australia** is our primary annual celebration in early June of Beloved Avatar Meher Baba's 4-day visit to His Abode in June of 1958. However, with the extraordinary events happening throughout the world due to the ongoing pandemic, this year we will be celebrating the 62nd Anniversary "virtually". There is a silver lining! A virtual Anniversary creates an opportunity for Baba lovers worldwide to participate and contribute.

Robert Rouse, one of Australia's early Baba lovers wrote: "Francis Brabazon asked the Australian Baba lovers to remember Baba's visit, and His continued presence, by performing songs, dances and plays - to entertain Baba by clothing our praise of His beauty, and our attention to His Truth, in beautiful form. As Francis once wrote, **'Baba loves nothing better than good singing or dancing or a play ... to lighten His burden'**". Remembrance through entertaining the Beloved has been a keynote at Avatar's Abode Anniversaries ever since. In this spirit of remembrance, we invite you all to offer your own contribution towards entertaining the Beloved as part of this year's virtual Anniversary.

## How do I participate?

**Level 1: Short Video Performances.** As we are all being encouraged to stay at home, if you or your family have a song, poem, skit, dance, artwork or a personal greeting that you'd like to offer as your contribution, simply make a homemade video of your performance (please limit if possible up to 7 minutes). Then let us know that your video is ready, as well as the title for your video (your name?) by emailing us at [AvatarsAbode2020@gmail.com](mailto:AvatarsAbode2020@gmail.com). We will then reply with a Dropbox notification into which you simply drag and drop your video file, allow it to upload, then hit send. As we say in Oz, "Bob's your uncle"...you're done! You may offer multiple videos. During the Anniversary itself there will be limited time available for presenting videos directly in our programming, however a key feature of this virtual Anniversary will be a showroom where all your magical videos will be made available for added viewing during and after the Anniversary.

**Level 2: Presentations.** Traditionally we include featured talks or extended performances as part of the Anniversary. We intend to do the same with our virtual Anniversary. If you would like to make such a presentation let us know the subject or concept you have in mind. These could be up to 20 to 30 minutes in length. They can be pre-recorded, live streamed, or Zoomed.

**Level 3: Zoom.** Zoom offers the opportunity to meet and socialise virtually, allowing for connecting, catching up, and exchanging idea. These social events are expected to run longer, up to an hour or more. If you have a theme you'd like to suggest, email us (above).

**Visual artists** can send 5 images of their art with titles to our email address and they will be included in a Group Show of artists from around the world.

Please submit all videos by **20th of May**.

**How will the virtual Anniversary work?** For this celebration we are working to create a mix of performances, presentations and virtual socialising, all of which will be scheduled and presented online. The live streaming of the raising of Baba's flag at His Abode on Friday the **5th of June** at 11:30am A.E.S.T. will signify the opening of the Anniversary, the lowering of the flag at 2.30pm on Monday 8th, the close. Please note that Friday 11:30am at Avatar's Abode is Thursday 9:30pm at the Meher Center, as well as Friday 7am at Meherabad. Therefore the hours between 11am and 1pm Abode time in particular will present the largest opportunity for maximum shared viewing and participation. Also we intend to record all events for alternative viewing.

**How do I attend?** [avatarsabode.com.au/anniversary\\_at\\_avatars\\_abode.html](http://avatarsabode.com.au/anniversary_at_avatars_abode.html) is now your link to the 2020 Anniversary page on the Abode's website. Here we will be posting all updates, including the event's program, schedule and instructions on how to access and participate in the virtual Anniversary, so be sure to check in during the weeks prior to the Anniversary. As with everything else these days, this is evolving and very fluid, so do stay tuned!

We intend this Anniversary to be an opportunity for our wider Baba family to participate in this unique online celebration of Baba's 1958 visit to His Abode. Although the 2020 Anniversary will be virtual, Baba's love and presence will be as always, absolutely REAL! We can only await with happy expectations what Baba's own contribution to His Anniversary will be.

Avatar's Abode Virtual Anniversary Subcommittee