



Yasodhara Ashram
YOGA RETREAT & STUDY CENTRE

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Design Revealed for New Temple

Kootenay Bay, BC, May 26, 2015: Only one year after the fire that destroyed the Temple at Yasodhara Ashram, the yoga retreat and study centre is ready to reveal the design for their new Temple.

“It’s happening!” says President of the Ashram, Swami Lalitananda. “Like a phoenix arising from the ashes, the new Temple is now taking shape. It is exciting for us to present this first public unveiling of the conceptual design.”

The Temple has been designed by Governor General award-winning Patkau Architects of Vancouver, BC.

Patricia Patkau comments, “It’s a project which is essentially one big beautiful room which is all about space and light. For us that’s pure architecture, and that’s the greatest delight that we have in the work that we do.”

The Patkaus’ aspired to use light as a primary building material. They accomplished this by creating portals of light that extend from the foundation to the skylight. Light enters the building from every angle, washing the interior surfaces.

“The new Temple is refreshingly innovative yet holds true to the original vision and purpose. It is a sacred space built to let Light in and to send Light out to the world. The Temple is a refuge where we can lift beyond doctrinal differences to rest in the oneness of Divine Light,” explains Swami Lalitananda.

The new Temple promises to be a luminous, welcoming space for the community and for visitors who travel to the Ashram from around the world.

“Well wishes and generous donations have been coming in over the past year. We recognize how much the Temple means to everyone, and how important it is to create spaces of quiet, Light and hope. We would like to thank everyone for their support.”

This is unique and ambitious project for the Ashram. Deconstruction of the remaining Temple structure, construction and landscaping will span 2015-2016. The Ashram’s goal is to raise two million dollars in order to make this happen.

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