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ANNUAL TIBETAN LECTURE AT THE NEWARK MUSEUM MAY 22
Reinventing the Wheel: Buddhist Cosmology and Tibetan Painting

NEWARK -- Professor Stephen F. Teiser, D.T. Suzuki Professor in Buddhist Studies at Princeton University will deliver The Newark Museum Annual Tibetan Lecture on Thursday, May 22. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is entitled ***REINVENTING THE WHEEL: Buddhist Cosmology and Tibetan Painting***. Registration is required; call 973-596-6613. A reception and gallery viewing will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Lecture is 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Beginning with The Newark Museum's Tibetan Wheel of Rebirth, Professor Teiser explores the different forms of Buddhist cosmology. Drawing on his study in Tibet, India, central Asia and China, he considers why the wheel symbol is so fundamental in Buddhist art and why conceptions of the afterlife are so important in the religion.

Professor Teiser directed the Tibet Site Seminar (2005-2008), an interdisciplinary research program. His *Reinventing the Wheel: Paintings of Rebirth in Medieval Buddhist Temples* (2006) was awarded the Stanislas Julien Prize by the Institut de France.

The Newark Museum is home to one of the largest collections of Tibetan art in the West. The permanent Tibetan Gallery includes a Buddhist alter consecrated by the Dalai Lama.

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ABOUT THE NEWARK MUSEUM

The Newark Museum is located at 49 Washington Street in the Downtown/Arts District of Newark, New Jersey, just 3 blocks from NJPAC and 10 miles west of New York City. The Museum is open all year round: Wednesdays through Fridays, from Noon - 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., October 1 - June 30; and Saturdays and Sundays, from Noon - 5:00 p.m., July 1 - September 30. Suggested Museum admission: Adults, \$9.00; Children, Seniors and Students with valid I.D., \$6.00. Members are admitted free. The Museum Café is open for lunches Wednesday through Sunday. Convenient parking is available for a fee. For general information, call 973-596-6550 or visit our web site, <http://www.NewarkMuseum.org>. The Newark Museum, a not-for-profit museum of art, science and education, receives operating support from the City of Newark, the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State—a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, the New Jersey Cultural Trust, the Prudential Foundation, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Victoria Foundation, and other corporations, foundations and individuals. Funds for acquisitions and activities other than operations are provided by members and other contributors.

The Newark Museum is just a few steps from the NJTransit Light Rail Washington Park Station. Direct connection with the Light Rail at the Broad Street Station and through Penn Station makes the Museum a convenient ride from all points in the region.