

Dear Geetaji and Prashantji,

Please accept our contribution to the collection of fond memories of Guruji.

We are very fortunate to have received Guruji's teaching, guidance and support as President of the Manchester and District Institute of Iyengar Yoga (MDIIY), over many years, for which we will be eternally grateful.

Particularly in the early years of forming the MDIIY Guruji was so very generous with his support and visits to Manchester in the UK.

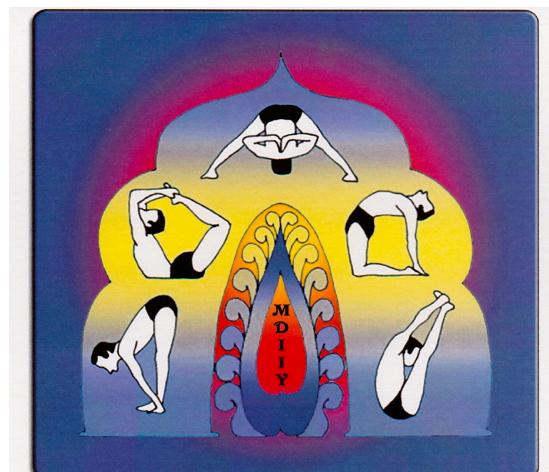
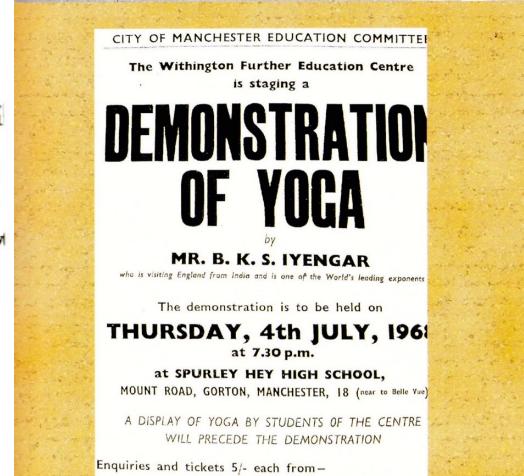
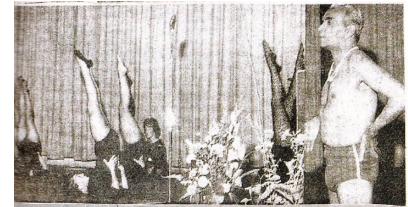
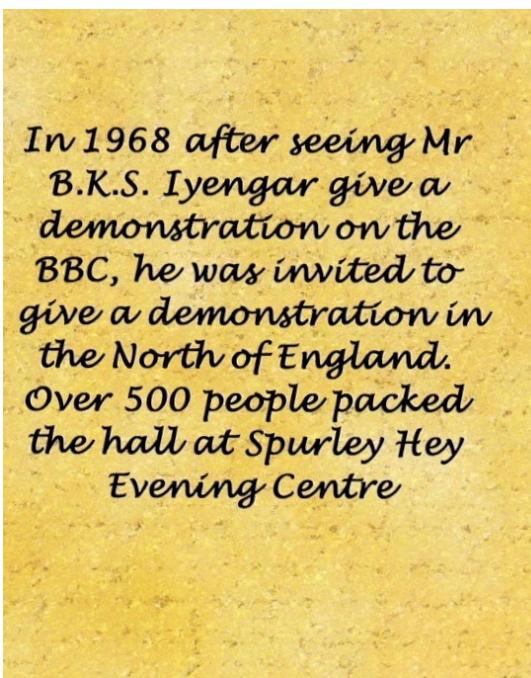
With great affection and gratitude from all MDIIY Committee members past and present and all MDIIY members past and present.

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Guruji's first visit to Manchester, UK, was to give a demonstration at Spurley Hey High School in July 1968



ONE of the world's leading authorities on Yoga, Mr. B. K. S. Iyengar made a visit to Manchester recently last week to give an exhibition at Spurley Hey High School.

Mr. Iyengar, who comes from India, is the creator of Ashtanga Yoga. He has written books on the subject and has appeared in a television programme on the subject. His books on the demonstration were sold and the tickets were £1.00.

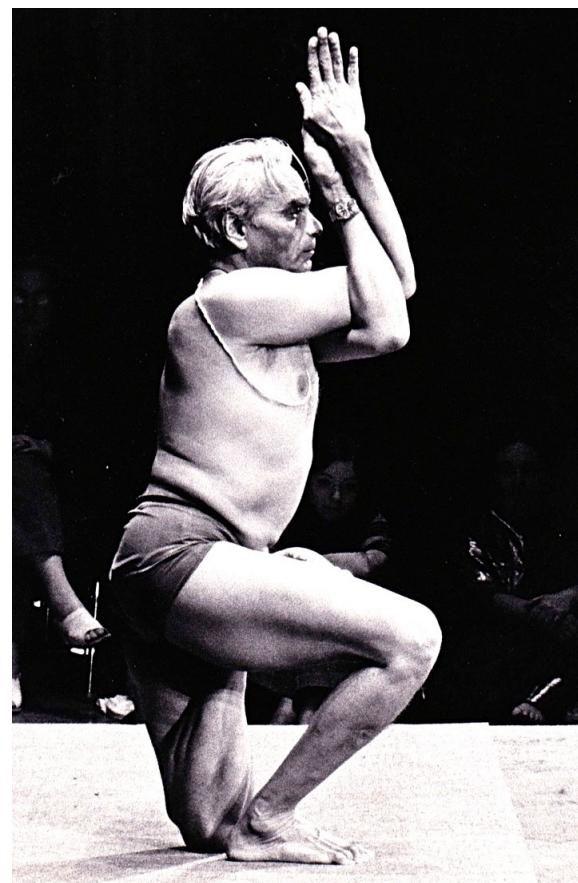
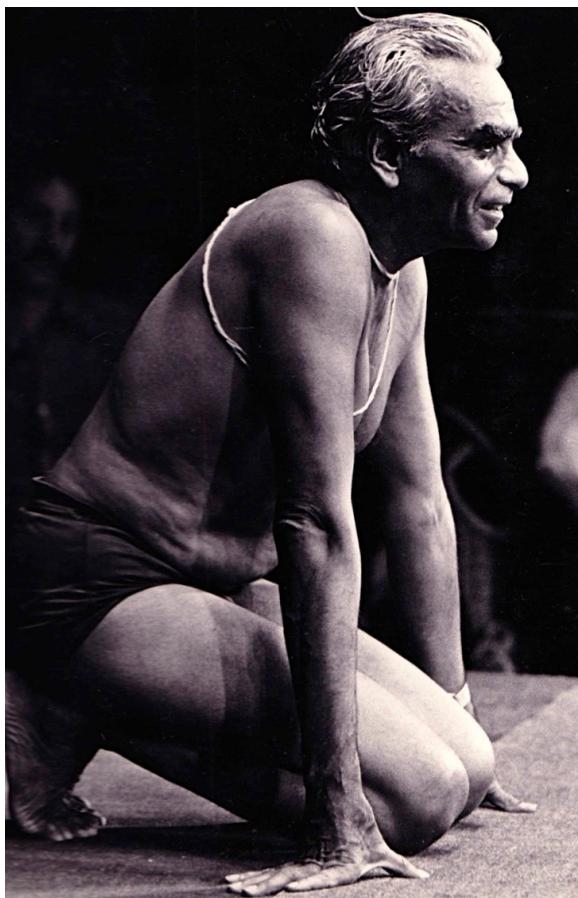
Mr. Iyengar's exhibition was preceded by a Yoga demonstration given by students of the Withington College of Further Education. The teacher was Mrs. Penderell Reed, a fully qualified Yoga teacher in her college.

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Guruji also visited Cheadle Hulme School and St Chads, Withington, Manchester, in the early years.

In July 1972 Guruji gave a demonstration in the Renold Building, UMIST (The University of Manchester).

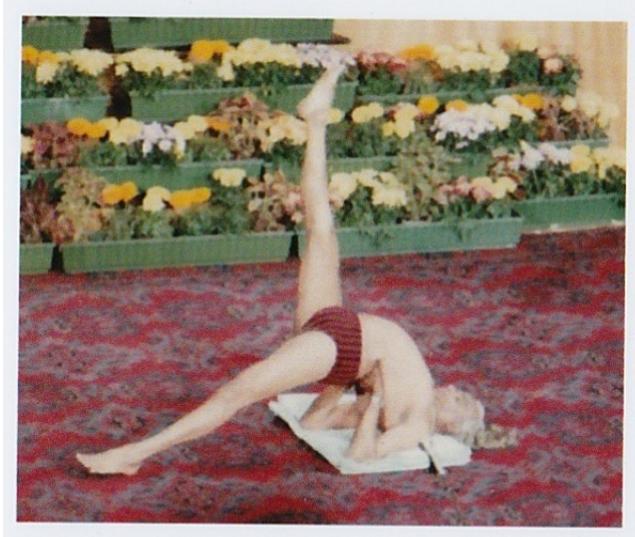
Also at the Rex Theatre, Wilmslow, Manchester, May 1976.



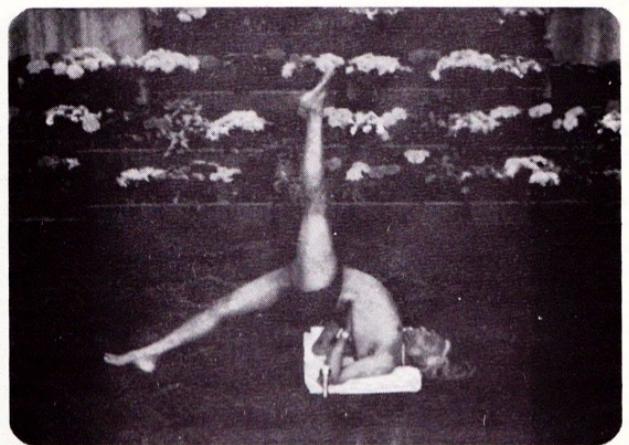
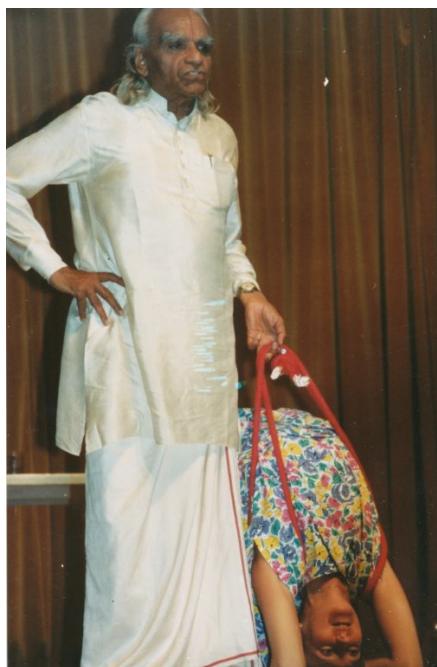
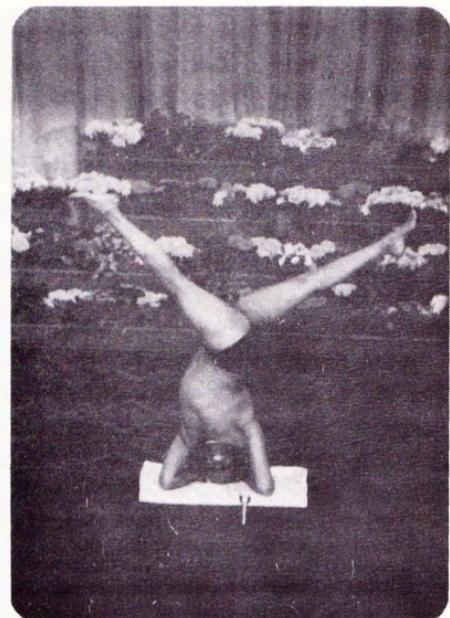
Jeanne Maslen, Tricia Booth and other MDIY members made many visits to the Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute in Pune.



There was the visit to the Free Trade Hall and the Refuge Building (The Palace Hotel), Manchester, May 1984 for a Question and Answer session and demonstration. 2000 people attended.



DEMONSTRATION BY MR. IYENGAR
AT THE FREE TRADE HALL

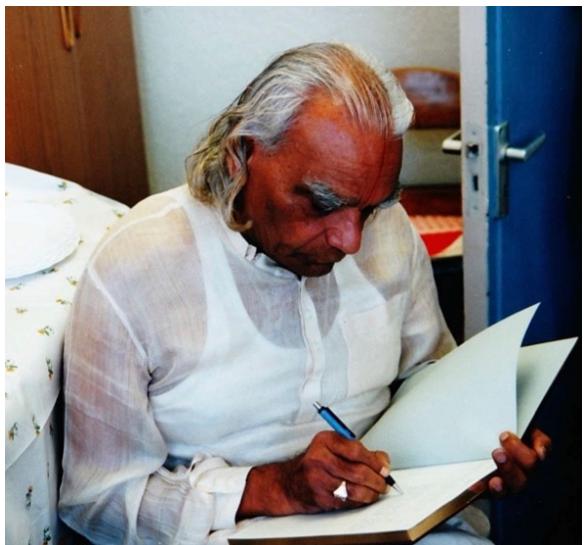


Also Wythenshawe Forum in April 1986



UMIST (The University of Manchester), August 1988
The Free Trade Hall, Manchester, July 1990

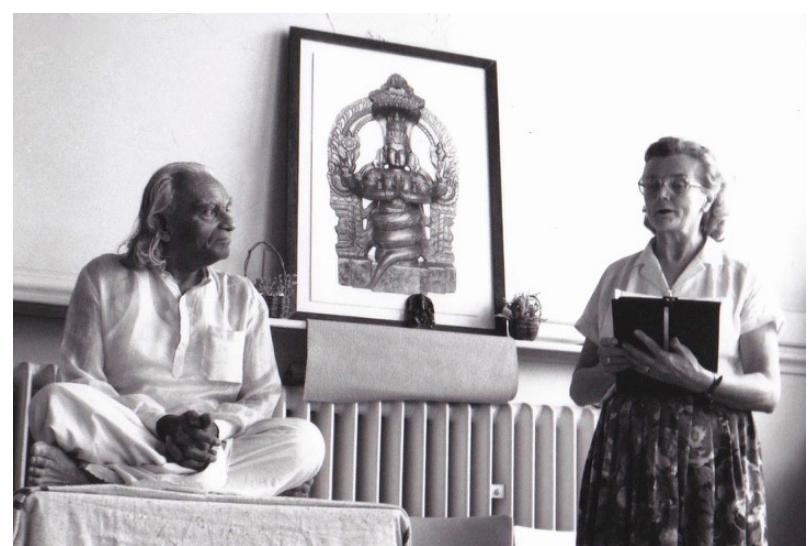
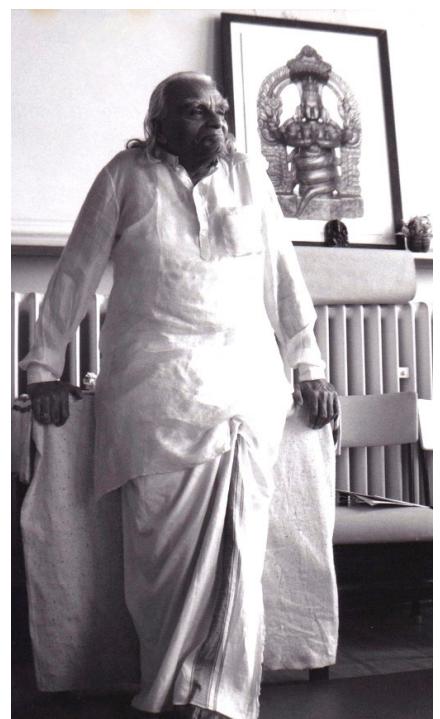
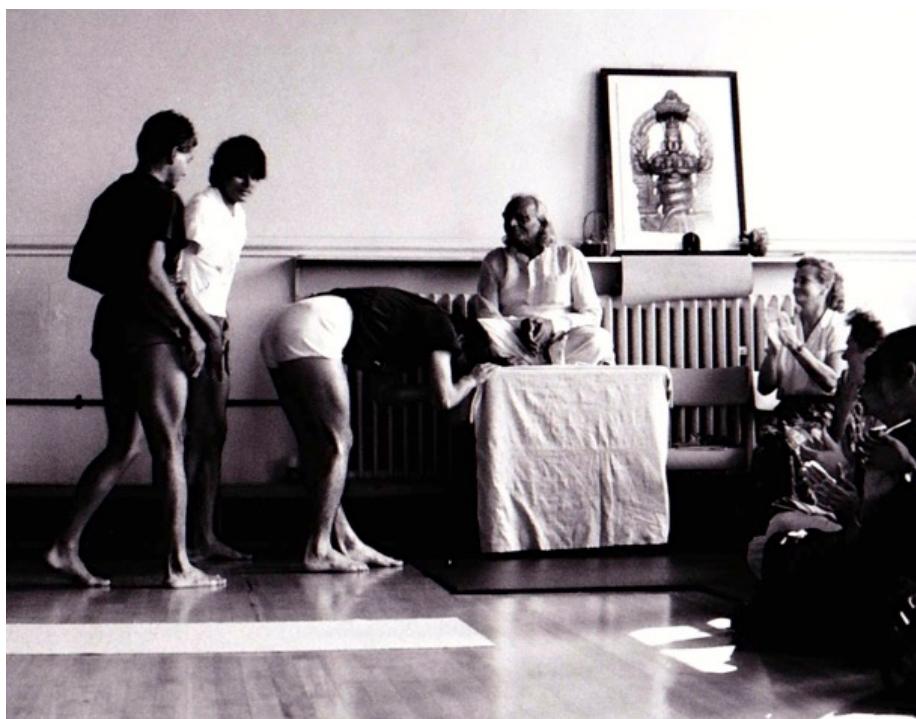
Guruji blessed the newly acquired MDIY Institute building in September 1993

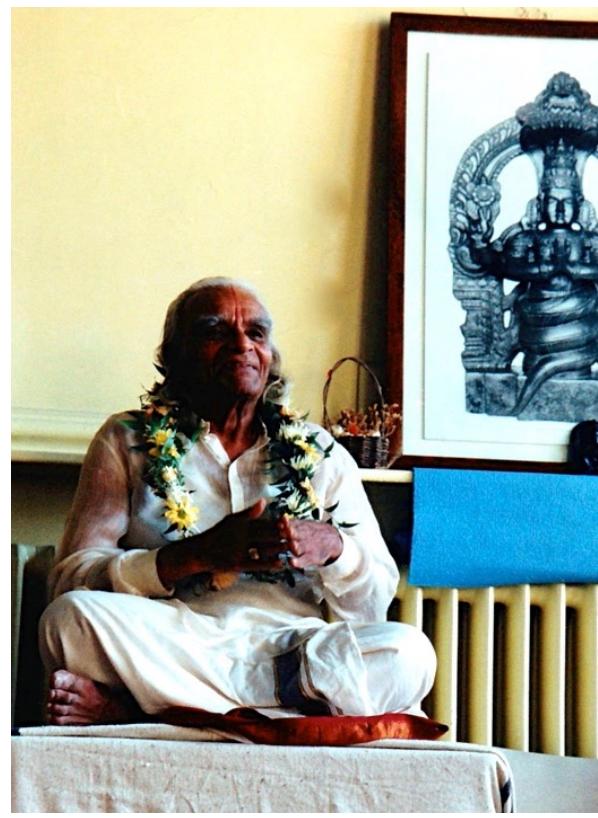
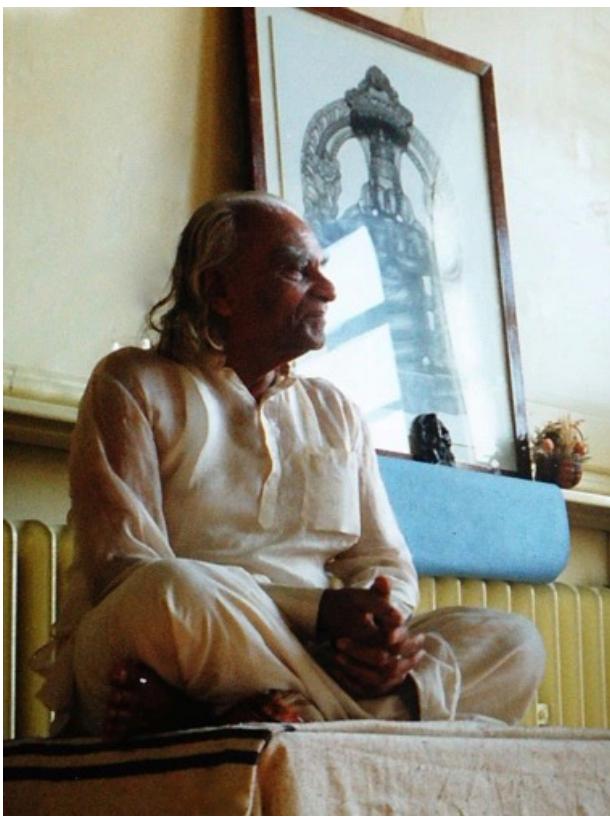


I am delighted beyond measure to visit my center here and with pride I enjoyed the beautiful yoga hall which inspires any one to do yoga. The hall has charm and light to attract any to go into yoga.
I wish this center becomes a beacon of light on yoga for yoga practitioners — in admiration and affection.

B.K.S. Iyengar
(B.K.S. IYENGAR)
1st of September 1993







Guruji visited the MDIY for the Silver Jubilee celebrations, November 1997

GURUJI'S MESSAGE

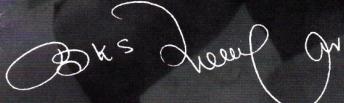
In my 60 years of teaching Yoga, today I am in great joy that you are all celebrating the Silver Jubilee function of the Manchester and District Institute of Iyengar Yoga, which is completing 25 years.

Since the 1st day of its inception, I am in close touch with this Institute, and the heartening feeling is that almost all my senior students from day one, worked with zeal and dedication that made this Institute grow from strength to strength to celebrate this great function.

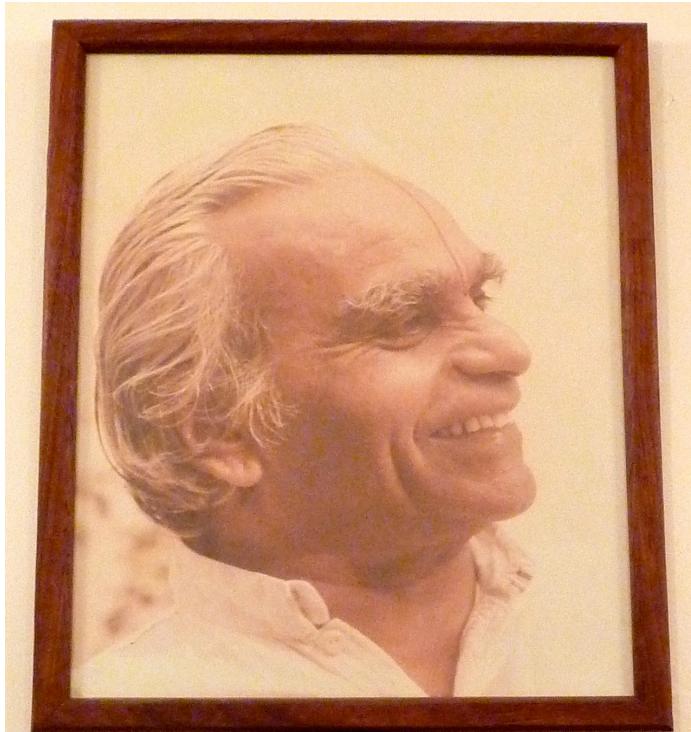
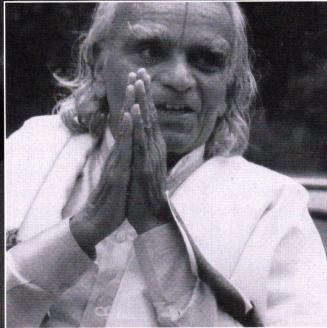
I am grateful to all of them and I send my good wishes to the younger generation who have taken the mantle of running the Institute with their heart and soul in building-up this Institute still further to become a temple of physical and mental health.

I wish the Institute all success and pray the Lord at the same time for it to celebrate the Golden Jubilee with grandeur and eclat, when that time arrives.

May Yoga spread and become more popular in U.K. through this oldest Iyengar Yoga Institute of U.K.



B.K.S. Iyengar



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