## HOW TO USE

1. During times of high stress, injury or illness our vital energy may not be reaching certain places in the body-it is usually these areas where illness will settle. Practicing the Whole Body Yoga Series helps to re-establish the flow of vital energy throughout the body. Performing these exercises daily will help to keep the muscles stretched and strengthened, the joints lubricated, the internal organs working optimally, and reduce stress.
2. KEEP BREATHING! It is easy to forget so please continue to breathe consciously during the entire set of exercises:
a. Coordinate movement with breathing. When the inhalation begins start the movement. Wait for inhalation to finish before beginning to exhale.
b. Inhale when moving away from the heart. Exhale when moving towards the heart.
c. Inhale with stretching/effort, exhale with relaxation.
3. Repeat each exercise 5 times on both sides of body to both directions unless otherwise specified.
4. Do not push yourself beyond your limits. If an exercise cases pain decrease the amount of stretch, angle of bending or angle of rotation until you feel a comfortable tension in the muscles.
5. Always move smoothly and avoid jerky motions.
6. When moving one part of body, relax all others in order to isolate the part of the body you are focusing on at the time.
7. Relax in between exercises. Bring the focus from the world of the senses to the focus of the internal awareness. Close the eyes, relax and feel the changes experienced after each exercise.
8. Close your eyes if you feel balanced and grounded while performing the exercises to increase your inner awareness.

## UPPER BODY: Head, Face \& Neck

These exercises will move vital energy around the sense organs, brain and head. It can help with mental clarity and concentration, eye disorders, hearing disorders, vertigo, motor cortex function, sinus pressure, drainage and headaches. The neck movements open and release tension where the spinal column originates - at the base of the skull - opening the flow of energy all the way down the spinal column which will affect every system of the body.

- Raise both arms over head
- Drop open right palm softly onto top of head, then begin
alternating hands
- 5 times each hand
- Benefit: Increases energy to the brain
- Inhale: Keep the head still and look upper left
- Exhale: Look lower right
- Benefit: Exercises small muscles of the eyes
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- Inhale: Pull upper ear upwards
- Exhale: Fling hands away from body
- Repeat pulling middle ear back, then ear lobe down
- Repeat 3 times each position
- Benefit: Stimulates the many nerves around ear


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Place index \& middle fingers in front of the ears, above jaw

- Rub from here down to just below the bottom of the ear
- Repeat behind top of ear, move down to jaw
- Repeat 3 times front of ear and back
Benefit: Relaxes the jaw joint


## MIDDLE BODY: Shoulders, Arms \& Hands

These exercises move vital energy around the shoulders, elbows, wrists, hands, lungs, and abdominal organs. The arm and wrist movements help to open the joints of these areas.

- Inhale: Squeeze shoulders towards ears
- Rxhale: Drop shoulders down quickly
- Repeat 5 times
R Raise arms parallel to floor
- Inhale: Flex wrists drawing back of hand toward forearm
- Exhale: Extend wrists pressing palm down
- Repeat 5 times
- Benefit: Lubricates wrist joint, stretches forearm


## BREATHING EXERCISES: Awakening the Digestive Fire

The breathing exercises strengthen the breathing diaphragm and stoke the digestive fire to help with issues such as constipation, weak digestion and other eliminatory dysfunction.

- Place hands on lower belly and breathe into hands
- Inhale: Expand belly like a balloon into hands
- Exhale: Release belly towards spine
- Repeat 5 times in each position

1. looking forward
2. gaze at ceiling while leaning back slightly, breathe faster
3. gaze at floor while leaning forward slightly, breathe faster

- Benefit: Massages abdominal organs in three different
positions


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HOLDEXHALE

| - Inhale: Place hands on hips with thumbs forward |
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| - Exhale: Bend forward from hips 30 degrees |
| - Inhale normally |
| - Exhale fully drawing belly strongly in toward spine |
| - Hold breath out and pump abdomen in and out for as long as |
| you can comfortably |
| - Relax completely before standing back up on Inhale |
| - Repeat 3 times |
| - Benefit: Stimulates digestive fire, massages viscera |
| strengthens diaphragm |

- Inhale: Place hands on hips with thumbs forward
- Exhale: Bend from hips to go degrees and look forward
- Inhale normally
- Exhale fully drawing belly strongly in toward spine
- Hold breath out and pump abdomen in and out for as long as
you can comfortably
- Relax completely before standing back up on Inhale
- Repeat 3
- Benefit: Stimes
strengthens diaphragm digestive fire, massages viscera


## LOWER BODY: Pelvis, Legs \& Feet

These exercises move vital energy through the pelvis, legs, knees, calves, ankles, feet and toes. Helps with balance when walking, arthritis pain in the lower extremities, foot problems, and maintaining balanced action of the pelvis and legs.
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