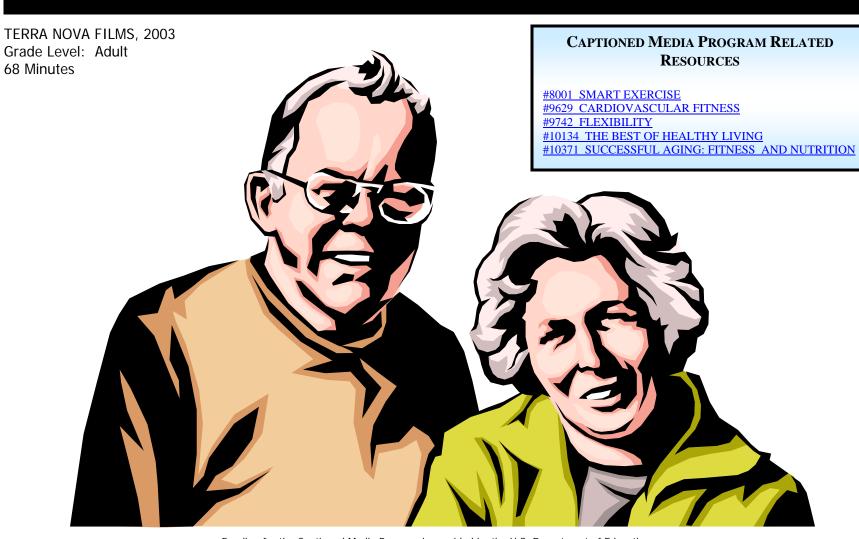
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## #10607 **ELDER-YOGA**



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# Elder-Yoga PLUS...

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#### **REMEMBER to:**

- Consult your physician before starting this or any exercise program.
- 2. Use a sturdy chair.
- 3. Listen to your body.
- 4. Do only what feels comfortable.
- 5. Take extra time to rest as needed.
- 6. Be gentle with yourself.
- 7. Relax and enjoy!

EYES can be OPEN or CLOSED while sitting. OPEN eyes while standing - for better balance. During "mini-vacation" near end of session, CLOSE your eyes to imagine a natural setting - or OPEN to see the natural scenes on the video.

YOGA BENEFITS include improved:

Awareness and Alertness
Balance and Breathing,
Concentration and Coordination,
Deep Relaxation for
the Mind and Body,
Energy and Endurance,
Flexibility and Focus,
and much more,
including improved:
Memory,
Self-confidence
and Self-esteem

#### REMEMBER:

- 1. to be comfortable
- 2. to listen to your own body
- 3. do whatever feels right for you
- 4. that all suggestions are just that, suggestions, and your body will know what it needs.

The instructions and advice presented in this booklet are in no way intended as a substitute for medical counseling.

The word "YOGA" means UNION.

It helps bring a sense of BALANCE to all of who we are:
BODY, EMOTIONS, MIND and SPIRIT.

Some of the FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES Include:

- 1. "NON-VIOLENCE" to do whatever you do without harm to yourself or others.
- 2. "TRUTHFULNESS" to listen to your own inner truth, that inner wisdom, that knows what you need.
- 3. "MODERATION" –
  to find that happy medium,
  to stretch without overdoing,
  without stress or strain or pain.
- 4. "CONTENTMENT" –
  to appreciate yourself,
  and to appreciate what you are able to do.

#### Section 6 LIST of EXERCISES on VIDEO: Section 4 Twist Section 1 SITTING: Sun salutation B. SITTING Hands: C. Honoring the earth and elements Relaxation 1) Fist: open and close D. Figure 8's B. Ting sha bells; Aah, ooh, mm, aum 2) Rotate at wrists Section 7 Head forward; side to side 3) Shake out like butterflies **Breathing** A. Ear to shoulder; side to side D. "Mudras" (pronounced "moodras") B. Relaxation E. Magic trick: thumb/neck Hands together, forward/back B. C. Mini-vacation Section 2 C. Arms side to side, smile Section 8 Rocking forward and back A. D. More mudras: **Energizing breath** A. B. Moving from side to side vitality and vision 1) B. Massage C. **Rotations** 2) ears, hearing 1) hands Dolphin; Turtle D. 3) sleep 2) face Section 3 4) memory 3) scalp (if comfortable) STANDING OR CONTINUING TO SIT: Section 5 4) back of neck A. Shoulder shrugs Legs: first one leg and then the other 5) shoulders B. Robin's breath Lift one leg and bounce gently A. 6) crossing arms in front Lift one arm, then the other: C. Lift leg and point toes and heel B. pats on back alternating one arm up Lift leg and rotate at the ankle C. hugs as other comes down Lift leg and rotate whole leg D. Section 9 D. Twisting side to side from center to side Ting sha bells A. E. Knees side to side E. Keeping knees bent, B. Ommmm F. Monkey's breath lift leg up and down C. Shanti, shanti, shanti Ha ha breath G. D. Peace, peace, peace

#### **ADDITIONAL EXERCISES:**

### For flexibility of EYE MUSCLES:

- 1. Lift right arm in front to shoulders' level, index finger pointing up.
  Keep the head still, chin parallel to the floor.
  Bring hand closer to chest, following with the eyes, and again into the distance.
  Repeat a few times, breathing freely.
  Relax the arm down.
- Repeat with left arm;
   this time look beyond the finger as far as you can see across the room.
   Repeat a few times,
   breathing freely.
   Relax the arm down.
- 3. Without moving the head, look up and down; side to side

#### **INDEX of AREAS BENEFITTED:**

Exercises that help: Section and Exercise:

Ankles 3E; 5A,B,C

Arms 3A,B,C,D,F; 4A-C; 6A-C

Back 1C; 2A-D; 3D; 6A-C

Calves 3E; 5A.B.C.D.E

Eyes 4A; 6D

Feet 3E; 5A.B.C.D.E

Fingers 1E; 4A,B,C,D

Front 2A,B,D; 3B,C,D; 6A,B,C

Hamstrings 3E;5A,B,C,D,E

Hands 1E; 3C; 4A,B,C,D; 6B,C

Head 1C,D,E; 2A,B,C,D; 6D

Hips 3D,E; 5A,B,D,E Knees 3D,E; 5A,B,D,E

Legs 3D,E; 5A,B,C,D,E

Neck 1C.D.E; 2A-D; 4C; 6A,B

Shins 3E; 5A.B.C.D.E

Shoulders 1C,D; 2A-D; 3A-F; 4B.C

6A,B,C

Sides 2B,C; 3D,F

Waist 2C; 3D,F; 6A

Wrists 3C,F; 4A,B,C