



Rumi's Caravan

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
6:00 P.M. BUFFET
7:00 P.M. PERFORMANCE

The Gualala Arts Global Harmony Season of Offerings will present **Rumi's Caravan** on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 6 p.m. A Middle Eastern buffet begins the evening when the doors open at 6 p.m. The performance will entice you at 7 p.m. with chanting and soft music (violin, harp, percussion).

Be dazzled with poetry, music and food. Dress extravagantly as you will be "taken back in time to a sultan's tent in an enchanted desert." Listen to poetry spanning from a 13th century Persian poet, Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi, also the namesake of the event, to modern evocative works by David Whyte, Alice Walker, D.H. Lawrence and others.

*Come, Come, whoever you are,
Wanderer, idolater, worshiper of fire,
Come even though you have
broken our vows a thousand times,
Come, and come yet again,
Ours is not the caravan of despair.* - Rumi

According to Professor Majid M. Naini, "Rumi's life and transformation provide true testimony and proof that people of all religions and backgrounds can live together in peace and harmony. Rumi's vision, words, and life can teach us how to reach inner peace and happiness so we can finally stop the continual stream of hostility and hatred and achieve true global peace and harmony."

The visiting troupe of poets is Doug Von Koss from San Francisco, Barry and Maya Spector from Oakland, Kay Crista, former Sonoma County Poet Laureate Gwyn O'Gara, and Larry Robinson from Sebastopol. Dervish Chelsea Rose will also demonstrate the Sufi practice of "Turning." The event has been held annually for at least eleven years and has been a sell out every year. Organizers have referred to the event as the number one poetry and cultural event of the year for the North Bay.

*Lovers don't finally meet somewhere,
they're in each other all along.* - Rumi

Rumi was born in Whaksh, Persia, now Tajikistan, in 1207 to an aristocratic family. He became a professor of religious studies writing about 70,000 verses. His muse was his friendship with a wandering dervish, Shamsuddin of Tabiz.

Gualala Arts is happy to welcome its friends from Sebastopol and beyond and is proud to present this performance as a fundraiser for Gualala Arts.

**\$25 in advance, \$10 Youth 17 & under;
\$5 more day of performance**

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