

*Birds make great sky-circles of their freedom.
How do they learn that?*

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*They fall, and falling
They're given wings.*
-Rumi

“Rumi Night” Comes to Asheville

The best-selling poet comes alive; teaching love, compassion and tolerance.

(Asheville) The passion and magic of Rumi is coming to Asheville on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 at Jubilee. The performance of poetry, story and music will feature Peter Rogen of New York, a professional reader of Rumi poetry, as well as Sufi flutists, Arsalaan and Asheville’s own River Guerguerian on percussion.

Rumi - a Sufi mystical poet from the 13th century - weaves fables, scenes from everyday life, and metaphysics into a vast and intricate tapestry. He is one of the five best-selling poets in America for more than 15 years, with translations of his work selling more than one million book.

“Rumi speaks about love, compassion and tolerance in his poems. He sings of the relation between divine and human, between lover and beloved,” said Rogen. “For Rumi, God is the ground as well as the goal of all existence.”

”His Poems are mirrors. We look in – and see ourselves, and come closer to the Source of love,” continues Rogen. “Not many poets can speak as beautifully and touchingly to and from the heart.”

Rogen was awarded a Rockefeller Grant to Study in the American Theater and performed Shakespeare with the Helen Hayes Equity Theater group at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Today, he shares the work of Rumi around the country, performing more than sixty “Rumi Nights” in places such as Boston and Davidson Colleges, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, University of Maryland and Trinity Cathedral.

Arsalaan Fay has studied music of the Sufis - especially the nay reed flute and frame drum – for most his life. In addition to accompanying Rogen in his readings, Arsalaan’s flute supports the whirling dervishes in their traditional sacred dances.

River Guerguerian is a multi-percussionist/composer whose lyrical style earned him a long-standing tenure with virtuoso Omar Faruk Tekbilek and over twenty weeks (and counting) on the billboard charts.

“A Rumi Night: Poetry & Music for the Soul”

Peter Rogen, Spoken Word, Nay Flute by Arsalaan and Musical Guest, Percussionist River Guerguerian

November 16 at 7:00 PM

Jubilee! 46 Wall Street

Tickets are \$12 in advance at Malaprops or \$14 at the door. For more information contact 828-277-3936. Also visit www.ShareTheDrum.com and www.PoetryofRumi.com

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