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Screening of "RUMI Turning Ecstatic"

Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 6:30-8:30PM
at the Dag Hammarskjold Auditorium

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A film by...Tina Petrova & Stephen Roloff- Featuring Coleman Barks, Kabir Helminski, Andrew Harvey, Nader Khalili, the Mevlana Dervishes of Turkey and the poetry of Menlana Jellaludin Rumi. With Special Guests: Tina Petrova Visionary, Media, Inc. Dr. Nitin Dilawri, Associate Producer, Andrew Harvey, Author, Scholar and Mystic-Sacred Activism

www.rumi-turningecstatic.com/trailer.html

Tina Petrova

Tina Petrova is the Producer of the film. She has been involved in the Canadian Film and TV scene for over 40 years, as an award winning actor, writer director and producer. Over the years her primary focus has been projects of a social justice nature. Her break out award winning film, "The Lost Years" was made with the assistance of the National Film Board of Canada. After graduating from Ryerson University in Theatre and Film she was invited to further her studies at the Canadian Film Centre founded by Academy Award winner-Norman Jewson. She currently leads World Religion Retreats at Carrboro Foreign Missions and is on a good will Ambassador Tour with the film around the world during UNESCO's year of Rumi. Andrew Harvey who appears in the film has agreed to introduce Tina and the film.

Andrew Harvey

Andrew Harvey PhD was educated at Oxford University, becoming the youngest person ever to be awarded a fellowship to All Soul's College. Andrew Harvey's spiritual journey spans a 30 year exploration of mysticism with many great teachers including the great Tibetan adept, Those Remote: a collaboration with Soya Remote and Patrick Gaffney in the writing of the Tibetan Book of the Living and Dying studying the teachings of Rum and Sufi mysticism with Eva De Votary Meyerovitch, and finally synthesizing all of his experiences with Father Bede Griffins in his ashram in south India near where Andrew Harvey was born. In 2005, Andrew Harvey delivered his vision of the contemporary crisis now confronting us in today's world and potential solution in what he has termed "Sacred Activism". which he sees as the culmination of his life's work. Andrew Harvey has taught at Oxford University, Cornell University, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, the California Institute of Integral Studies and the University of Creation Spirituality as well as various spiritual centers throughout the United States. He was the subject of the 1993 BBC film documentary The Making of a Modern Mystic and appears also in "RUMI Turning Ecstatic" and the

Consciousness of the Christ Reclaiming Jesus for a New Humanity. Andrew Harvey is a professor of Sacred Activism at Wisdom University, Executive Director of the Center for Spiritual Democracy and Founder Director of the School of Sacred Activism. A discussion is planned with questions and answers immediately following the screening of the film Besides the Sacred and Transcendental Arts Working Group of the NGO Committee, for Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns, The Society for Enlightenment and Transformation, United Nations Staff Recreation Club, and various other NGO's including The Institute of International Social Development and Institute for the Development of Education Arts and Leisure, etc.businesses and organizations are co-sponsoring the event.

RUMI

Born at a time of great conflict and exiled from his homeland as a child, Rumi lived from 1207 to 1273 AD and grew into perhaps the greatest Persian language poet and one of the greatest poets of all time . His followers founded the Mevlevi Order of Sufis, also known as the "Whirling Dervishes."Rumi's wisdom and his exquisite insight into the unity of religion and love make him the Poet Laureate of the Oneness of Humanity, a true Muslim, and a guide to global community beyond the "Clash of Civilizations."At a time when people still hate and kill in the name of God, we need to restore the sacred light.

Indeed, so great a light shines from the mirror of Rumi's heart that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recognized this year 2007 as the International Year of Rumi as part of its Global Movement for a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World.Accordingly, this year, all around the world, in both the original Persian and in translation, people of love and good will are celebrating Rumi's enormous contribution to ecstatic religious sanity.Rumi, Master of Love, is finding his way throughout the world this year in the hearts of many who are reading translations of Rumi's poetry and shows scenes from the sema, or planning pilgrimages to Turkey or turning a ceremony of the Whirling Dervishes.

Your suggestions of how you can participate in New York or in other areas in the world where a Peace Series is being planned We have also received requests from Cairo, Egypt, two cities in India and Japan and I hope hope you will support this initiative in the best way to inspire the solutions for global concerns to be discovered in the soul, consciousness and sacred activism.

For further information about the Film and the work at United Nations we are working ion in partnership to build a bridge between the East and West based on a new form of community global education and outreach, contact me at projectharmony@yahoo.com or at our Values and Business Working Group Office in New York at valuesbusinesscsvgc@yahoo.com