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A NIGHT OF SUFI POETRY AND MUSIC, February 10, 2010

Two of Islam's greatest mystical poets – Jalaluddin Balkhi Rumi and Shams-ud-din Muhammad Hafez – both thirteenth century Sufi saints, will be featured at an FIU program on February 10, 2010, at 7 p.m. in Graham Center room 140 on the Modesto Maidique Campus, 11200 SW 8th Street, Miami.

Rumi, considered the greatest figure in Persian literature, is one of America's top selling poets with more than a million book sales during the past decade. Hafez does not lag far behind; such giants of Western literature as Goethe, Emerson, and Garcia-Lorca have called him the world's greatest lyrical love poet ever.

The program is a reading by New York actor Peter Rogen, accompanied by the singing and music of Amir Vahab and the music of Arsalaan Fay.

Peter is a well-known interpreter of Rumi. He performed at FIU in 2007 and 2008 and his recent tour included Boston College, UMass, SUNY Albany, University of South Carolina, Davidson College (NC), and the Ringling College of Art & Design in Sarasota.

Amir is a star international performer of mystical Sufi poetry and music. He sings in Persian, Arabic, Urdu, and Turkish, and plays the tanbour (Persian lute), the Persian nay (flute) and daf (snare drum). Amir is an exciting and deeply artistic, virtuoso Sufi performer who has performed at many prominent venues around the world.

Arsalaan Fay, Sufi musician, plays the Turkish nay (reed flute) and bendir (frame drum), and provides additional musical background.

The program is free and the public is welcome.