

RUMI ENSEMBLE & Salar Aghili

In the footsteps of

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Songs in homage to Rumi

1. Masnavi	Ney and Vocal, Improvisation	4.57
2. Rumi.....	Rumi Ensemble	6.50
3. Eshtiagh.....	Santur solo	4.25
4. Ey Asheghan	Rumi Ensemble	6.28
5. Jané Ashegh	Rumi Ensemble	12.45
6. Avaz.....	Santur and Oud, improvisation	10.44
7. Roz o Shab.....	Rumi Ensemble	5.37
8. Bayate Rajé.....	Oud solo	4.19
9. Deldare man.....	Rumi Ensemble	7.48
10. Lezgi.....	Rumi Ensemble	2.23

Total time: 60.10

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Javid Afsari Rad Santur, Composition

Javid Afsari Rad was born in Isfahan, central Iran, in 1965. His mentor on the santur, a traditional Persian instrument, was Saeed Naeemi Manesh. Later he was introduced to Radif, the Persian classical music repertoire, by the masters Parviz Meshkati and Faramarz Payvar. His studies led him to Norway, where he graduated from the University of Oslo in the field of Musicology.

As a musician and composer, Javid is highly inspired by the mysticism in Rumi's poetry. Rhythm is a vital element which reflects the ecstatic philosophy of the sensually divine thirteenth century poet Rumi, and Javid's compositions are an endeavor to honor and communicate the great vitality and energy seeping out of Rumi's mysterious poetry.

Together with the ney, percussion, oud, string quintet, and vocals, Javid creates masterful performances with his fellow artists, ranging from soft heartfelt moments to the exhilarating joyful state of musical enchantment pivotal to the Sufi's dance.



Salar Aghili, Vocal

Salar Aghili was born in Teheran/Iran in 1977. He is regarded as one of the foremost Persian classical vocalists in his generation. He has studied under the guidance of Sediq Taarif and has adopted the old tradition of the vocal repertoire combined with the skillful and delicate style of master Mohammad Reza Shajarian.

As a young and distinguished vocalist he has gained attention both in Iran and abroad and this has led him to collaborate with renowned musicians, composers and ensembles in and outside of Iran. He has performed in many well known music festivals and music scenes all over the world and has released recordings in Iran and Europe.

In 2007 the world celebrated the 800th anniversary of the birth of the great Sufi poet Rumi. Hundreds of years after his death, the poetry of Rumi still speaks to the hearts of people like never before and his poems are read all over the world. Javid Afsari Rad from Esfahan, Iran, has composed music which transfers the thoughts of Rumi to music through an ensemble consisting of the foremost Iranian musicians and a Norwegian string quintet.

Rumi Ensemble

Javid Afsari Rad santur

Pejman Haddadi tombak and percussion

Reza Samani daf and dayereh

Davood Varzideh ney

Shahram Gholami oud

Berit Cardas violin

Elisabeth Lie violin

Gro Løvdahl viola

Emery Cardas cello

Marius Flatby double bass



Poems by Rumi

All music composed and arranged by Javid Afsari Rad

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