

# CELEBRATING RUMI IN THE 21ST CENTURY

*A Conference & Cultural Event on his 800th Birthday*

**Saturday, 3 November 2007**

**The Conference**

8:30am - 4:30pm  
Parlor C, MSU's Union Bldg.

An academic conference bringing scholars of Rumi, Islamic mysticism, & the Middle East to discuss Rumi's poetry, philosophy, & their past & present impacts & consequence

**Evening Cultural Event**

7:00 - 9:30pm  
Gold Rooms A & B, MSU's Union Bldg.

Poetry reading by Coleman Barks with accompanying musicians Glen Velez (world percussion) & David Darling (cello), & Whirling Dervishes & Sufi music



*Come, come, whoever you are  
Wanderer, idolater, worshipper of fire,  
Come even if you have broken your vows a hundred times,  
Come, & come yet again  
Ours is not a caravan of despair - Rumi*

**Free & Open to the Public**

**See: <http://rumi.history.msu.edu>**

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