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Conference of the Birds - A Staged Reading



June 28 - June 30, 2013

Based on a Poem by Farid ud Din Attar
Adapted by Meena Natarajan
Directed by Dipankar Mukherjee

Conference of the Birds metaphorically maps out the journey of the human ego and the quest for truth.

"Come on, birds, put on the cloak of nothingness, drink from the cup of annihilation! Let's go. The journey is many years ahead."

In this classic tale, the birds of the world take flight on a pilgrimage to find their celebrated king, but the dangers and hardships encountered along the way cause many in the flock to abandon their search. In the end the small number of birds that survive uncover a profound secret.

VENUE

The Historic Chicago Temple Building
77 W Washington St, Chicago

DATES

Friday, June 28 at 8pm
Saturday, June 29 at 8pm
Sunday, June 30 at 4pm

TICKETS

Tickets are \$10 each. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or call (312) 857-1234 x201.

PARKING

\$8 parking at Self Park, 230 W Washington (building with Cosi restaurant; validation required).

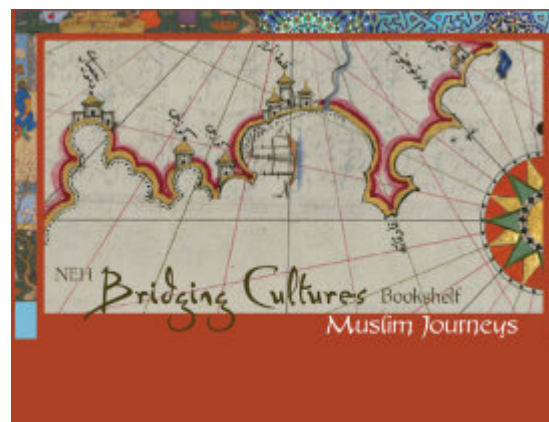
Borrow *Conference of the Birds* from your local library!

Do you enjoy reading? *Conference of the Birds* is a mystical poem written nearly 1,000 years ago - but many terrific English translations of this work exist. A number of Chicago-area libraries have received a special grant called **Muslim Journeys** by American Library Association.

As part of this grant, they have received a number of books including copies of *Conference of the Birds*.

Our friends at the following libraries have reported copies of the poem as part of their collections:

[Evanston Public Library](#)
[Morton Grove Public Library](#)
[Wilmette Public Library](#)



Between Heaven and Earth: Birds in Ancient Egypt

Oriental Institute Museum
1155 East 58th St, Chicago
(773) 702-9520



The Marshall and Doris Holleb Family Special Exhibits Gallery is being transformed into a lush bird habitat with videos of birds flying overhead and the sounds of birds calling to each other. All this sets the stage for *Between Heaven and Earth: Birds in Ancient Egypt*, the first American exhibit devoted to birds in the Nile Valley.

The exhibit explores the impact that birds had on ancient Egyptian religion, design, and the conception of the state.

The Egyptians believed that all life emerged from an egg symbolized by the womb, represented in the exhibit by a magnificent ancient ostrich egg. At the end of life, they were buried in a coffin, which was also called an egg, creating a never-

ending cycle of life, death, and rebirth based on birds.

Eye on India Festival Chicago

June 7 to July 14

The third edition of the annual *Eye on India Festival* will include a mix of art exhibits, discussion panels, cultural performances and collaborations with local artists and groups in the city of Chicago and surrounding neighborhoods including Naperville, Logan Center and Bronzeville.



The festival is produced in partnership with the Chicago Park District, Columbia College Chicago, the University of Chicago, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and Old Town School of Folk Music.

Silk Road Rising supports Eye on India's efforts to showcase India's cultural and literary pride.

SAAPRI

(South Asian American Policy & Research Institute)



SAAPRI conducts research on emerging issues of importance to South Asian Americans in response to community needs.

Projects are designed to create dialogue and better understanding, drawing from SAAPRI's expertise in community-based research and collaborations with partner organizations, academic institutions, and community members.

SAAPRI and Advancing Justice – Chicago conducted demographic research to reveal the critical issues confronting South Asian

Americans.

Building upon SAAPRI's groundbreaking 2005 demographic report, this new report presents a demographic profile of South Asian Americans in Illinois, utilizing data from the 2010 Census as well as other recent research. Click [HERE](#) to download 2013 Demographic Profile.

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