

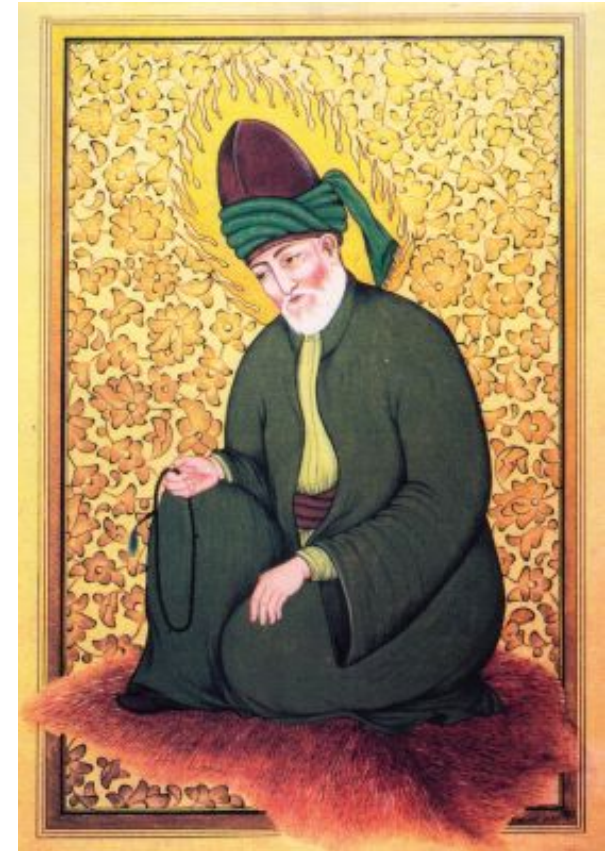
# *Sheb-i Arus*

*A Celebration of  
Hazreti Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi's  
"Wedding with Eternity"*



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*7.00pm-10.00pm  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2006*

*Prahran Town Hall  
Cnr Greville & Chapel Streets, Prahran*



## *Mevlana's Sheb-i Arus*

This evening is dedicated to Hazreti Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi, may God sanctify his spiritual secret, on the 733<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his passing from this world into the realms beyond. It is the traditional night in the modern era when the Mevlevi Order of Sufis, the whirling dervishes, and the many lovers of Mevlana celebrate and remember his union with his Beloved. All over the world Mevlevi dervishes are celebrating Mevlana's Sheb-i Arus with Sema, the ceremony of movement and music centred on the meditative remembrance of God (dhikr Allah).

*"To you, my death seems a setting,  
but really it is a dawn.  
Does the tomb seem a prison to you?  
It is the liberation of the soul."*

*Mevlana Jelaluddin Rumi*

### *A Ceremony of Prayer Offered by*

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## *Programme*

Recitation from the Holy Koran

The Sufi Path  
Influences on Inner and Global Peace  
An AIS Perspective

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The Meaning of Sheb-i Arus  
and the Ceremony of Sema

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Short Intermission

Sufi Ilahiler  
Sacred Songs from the Sufi Tradition \*

Australian Sufi

Music Group

A Sample of Mevlana's Poetry in English

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The Ceremony of Sema \*

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Thanks and

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Recitation of the Azan (call to prayer)

Evening Close

\* Sheb-i Arus is an evening of prayerful celebration and not a performance.  
Please be so kind as to refrain from clapping. Thank you.

*"Behold with awe the majesty of the Name within this name,  
And remember with each heartbeat to repeat it always with love  
And true devotion  
Thus ecstasy, in harmony with that state  
Where all is absolutely still, will flood your being  
To drown both time and distance with all your senses, in the Ocean of his Mercy  
Where that Love which lies behind the Beauty of His Majesty  
Is Truth and Truth Alone"*

*The late Hadrat Sheikh Abdullah Sirr Dan al Jamal  
Grandsheikh of the Mevlevi Order of Australia*