

A Few Quotations about RUMI RETURNING:

"We screened Rumi Returning at the New Dawn Center for Spiritual Living and our community loved it! What made the showing even more special was the presence of Cynthia Lukas and Kell Kearns and their passions for Rumi and his poetry. New Dawn is still talking about that exciting evening!" Rev. Mark Gilbert, New Dawn Center for Spiritual Living, Aurora, CO

"The spirit of Rumi is the intangible gift this movie offers viewers of every sacred tradition. Where once we valued religious tolerance, and then interfaith understanding, now in the timeless mystical witness of Rumi, we are able to experience the spiritual unity we all so much hope to awaken in civilization." Rev. David Hodgson, Scottsdale Congregational UCC, AZ

"A work of extreme visual beauty, exhibiting immense passion and conveying a profound, spiritual message certain to resonate deeply with viewers." Jon Bowman, Executive Director, Santa Fe Film Festival

"Of the several films I had the opportunity to see at this year's festival, Rumi Returning was the most beautifully filmed, and the most thought-provoking and intellectually stimulating. For the first time in my life I truly began to sense the broad importance and beauty of the Islamic religion. Rumi Returning is simply a magnificent movie that people of all cultures should see and discuss." Bob Ross, Talk Show Host, NPR Radio, Santa Fe

"Rumi's spirit indeed sings and soars in 'Rumi Returning,' the exquisitely beautiful documentary that Cynthia Lukas and Kell Kearns have made for the 800th anniversary of Rumi's birth. That transcendent music and poetry are more needed than ever in our violence-drenched world." Joseph Prabhu, Professor of Philosophy, California State Univ., Los Angeles and Trustee, Parliament of the World's Religions

"Of all the films made about Rumi to date this is the only one I would show to my university students without any reservations." Art Buehler, Senior Lecturer, Religious Studies, Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand

"A fascinating film. . . a joyful celebration." Katherine Marshall, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center, Georgetown University and Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue

"I am particularly pleased with the film because it not only portrays the wonderful inclusive spirituality of Rumi, but it also includes enough history and geography to be invaluable for my 'Spirituality in the Arts' class." Donna Swaim, Senior Lecturer Emeritus, Univ. of Arizona

"Every Muslim should see 'RUMI RETURNING'—it's a reminder of the tolerance, love and inter-faith spirit which resides in Islam." Dilara Hafiz, Co-Author, The American Muslim Teenager's Handbook