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**"Mystical Poetry, an Elixir of Healing"**

**October 17–24, 2026**  
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*Program*

*This programme is subject to change*

# Saturday, October 17



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16:00 Medina Prefecture Hall  
Festival Opening: inaugural conference,  
tribute to Kaïsse Ben Yahia, poet and writer.

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Bab El Makina

20:00 Inaugural concert:  
El-Harraq's Arab-Andalusian Chants and Hadra: "Paths of Spiritual Love",  
performed by the Harrâqî Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Youssef El  
Houssaini, with the participation of Nabyla Maan and Vicente Muñoz Gelo.

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# Sunday, October 18

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10:00 Shems'y School of Arts and Crafts  
Round table: "Mystical Poetry: An Ode to the Invisible"

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15:00 Souq Semmarine  
Exhibition opening: "'Once upon a time, a souk: timeless Crossing."  
Exhibition and installation by Odile Guinand

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16:00 Souq Semmarine  
Tristan Driessens – Luthopia, featuring Arianna Savall on vocals and  
harp. A work inspired by the mystical chants of Hildegard von Bingen  
(12th century).

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20:30 Bab El Makina  
Concert: Shuaib Mushtaq, Qawwali from Pakistan. Tribute to  
Mohammed Iqbal.

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# Monday, October 19

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Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden  
Workshop:  
Master Miyuki: Chanoyu, the Japanese Tea Ceremony — A Poetry of Gesture and Presence  
09:00  
Round table: Rituals of Mediation with the Unseen in Popular Sufism: When Stories Heal

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Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden  
16:00 Concert: Hmadcha

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Bab El Makina  
20:30 Samaa: ritual of the Qadiriya Boutchichiya Tariqa (Morocco)

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# Tuesday, October 20

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Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden  
10:00 Workshop: "Dhikr" (invocations / meditation) with musical accompaniment: Enris Qinami  
Round table: "Can Beauty Save the World?"

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Centre des étoiles  
15:00 Film screening: "The Builders of the Alhambra" by Isabel Fernandes,  
17:00 Concert: "Ibn al-Khatîb and the City of Love," by Françoise Atlan and Kamal Hafid (guitar).  
18:00 Exhibition opening: "Whispers of Homes — From the Song of Birds to the Colors of the Seddaris", Exhibition by Marie Pourchot.

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Bab El Makina  
20:30 Samaa: ritual of the Charqawiya Tariqa (Morocco)

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# Wednesday, October 21



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Centre des étoiles

10:00

Round table: "The Sensory Dimension of Religious Experience"

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Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden

16:00

Concert: Ustad Wasifuddin Dagar, "The Breath of Eternity,"  
ancestral Dhrupad chant from northern India.

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Bab El Makina

20:30

Samaa: first part, ritual of the Ouazzaniya Tariqa; second part:  
ritual of the Rissouniya Tariqa

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# Thursday, October 22

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Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden

10:00

Workshop: "Dhikr" (invocations / meditation) with musical  
accompaniment: Enris Qinami  
Round table: "Rumi's Mathnawi: A Quest for Healing"

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Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden

Concert-recital: Bach and Rumi with Leili Anvar and Claire Antonini

16:30

Perfume Workshop with Najoua Ajjour & Mathieu Beley:  
"Inner Gardens, Where Poetry Breathes"

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Bab El Makina

20:30

Samaa: ritual of the Sqalliya Tariqa (Morocco)

# Friday, October 23



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| 10:00 | Shems'y School of Arts and Crafts<br>Round table: "Ordeal Transfigured in the Great Sacred Texts" |
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| 16:00 | Jnan Sbil Botanical Garden<br>Daoud Konaté (Côte d'Ivoire) and Enris Qinami (Albania), Spiritual songs. |
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| 20:30 | Bab El Makina<br>Concert: an artistic, poetic, and musical creation: "Journey from East to West" with the participation of Marouane Hajji |
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# Saturday, October 24

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| 10:00 | Riad Shéhérazade<br>Round table: "Poetry and Healing: The Therapeutic Path of Sami-Ali" |
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| 16:00 | Medina Prefecture Hall<br>Synthesis of the round tables |
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| 20:30 | Bab El Makina<br><br>Closing evening: "Intoxications" (Ivresses), Arabo-Andalusian Samaa and the Whirling Dervishes of Aleppo: with Wasim Arslan, Anas Al Attar, and Nouredine Tahiri (Khamriyyāt). |
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## List of speakers in alphabetical order:

Youssef Amine Alami, Driss Alaoui M'Daghri, Ilyas Amharar, Leili Anvar, Françoise Atlan, Michael Barry, Amine Benjelloun, Ikram Bennani, Kaisse Ben Yahhia, Sylvie Cady, Frédéric Calmès, Juan Carlos Caverro, Esin Çelebi Bayru, Edwin Courtney, Maimouna Diallo, Fettouma Djerrari Benabdenbi, Jason Elliot, Jean Patrick Fanga, Driss Fassi Fihri, Eric Geoffroy, Mohamed Ghalmi, Mohamed Ghani, Roderick Grierson, Denis Gril, Marie Miran Guyon, Abderrahim Hafidi, Sheikh Ayman Hamdy, Thami Harraq, Touria Ikbal, Jaafar Kansoussi, Bariza Khiari, Setsuko Klossowska de Rola, Fatma Azra Kumcuoğlu, Reem Laghrari, Souada Maoulainine, Farid Merini, Rachid Moumni, Sabah Rahmani, Olivier Ralet, Yasmina Sbihi, Meriem Sebti, Salamatou Sow, Othman Sqalli, Brahim Tidjani...

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