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ACCLAIMED JAZZ MUSICIAN-COMPOSER AMIR ELSAFFAR RETURNS TO THE PAINTED BRIDE ART CENTER WITH "TWO RIVERS"

MUSICAL TRADITIONS OF IRAQ CONVERGE WITH TRADITIONS OF JAZZ

Philadelphia PA – ***Jazz on Vine***, Philadelphia's longest continuing jazz series, offers jazz enthusiasts from the region a rare opportunity to travel to the outer reaches of jazz as Iraqi-American recording artist **Amir ElSaffar** returns to the Bride with his critically-acclaimed suite ***Two Rivers***, an innovative work co-commissioned by the Bride in 2008. The concert takes place, **Saturday, October 2nd at 8pm**. Tickets are \$25. Crush card holders are entitled to a 40% discount before September 22nd and 20% discount after. Students and seniors receive a 25% discount off tickets. For more information and tickets, call the Painted Bride box office at 215.925.9914 or visit www.paintedbride.org. The Painted Bride is located at 230 Vine Street in Old City, Philadelphia.

"A gorgeous record balanced between two worlds, *Two Rivers* is a stirring example of the creative possibilities of international jazz in the 21st century." - Troy Collins, *All About Jazz dot com*.

Trumpeter, santoor player, vocalist, and composer, Amir ElSaffar's depth of emotion and authenticity orchestrates a "meeting of the music" between maqam--- a traditional Middle Eastern melodic form and traditional jazz. Leading a six-piece ensemble featuring **Rudresh Mahanthappa** and **Nasheet Waits**, ElSaffar weaves a seamless soundscape for the virgin ear to explore new forward-thinking possibilities within the world of 21st century jazz. A hypnotic carpet ride that will expand the heart and mind of jazz enthusiasts, performing live will be: **Amir ElSaffar on trumpet, santoor and vocal; Rudresh Mahanthappa on alto saxophone; Zaafer Tawil on violin, oud and percussion; Tareq Abboushi on buzuq; Carlo DeRosa on bass; and Nasheet Waits on drums.**

Two Rivers by Amir ElSaffar has been made possible with support from Chamber Music America's 2009 New Jazz Works: Commissioning and Ensemble Development program funded through the generosity of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation.

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Amir ElSaffar's *Two Rivers* will be followed by **Michele Rosewoman and New Yor-Uba featuring Pedro Martinez (Oct. 23)**, followed by the *Jazz on Vine* gem of the season: the **Philadelphia debut of Dave Holland's Big Band (Dec. 11)**.

ABOUT AMIR ELSAFFAR

<http://www.amirelsaffar.com/Bio.html>

ABOUT JAZZ ON VINE

From the legendary masters to the new experimentalists, Painted Bride's Jazz on Vine series celebrates artists who are pioneering fresh, dynamic music in the 21st century. Having begun in 1975, Jazz on Vine is the longest continuously running jazz series in Philadelphia.

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Press note: For additional information, or confirmation, or to schedule an artist interview call Phil Sumpter, Director of Marketing and Communications at (215) 925-9914 ext. 15