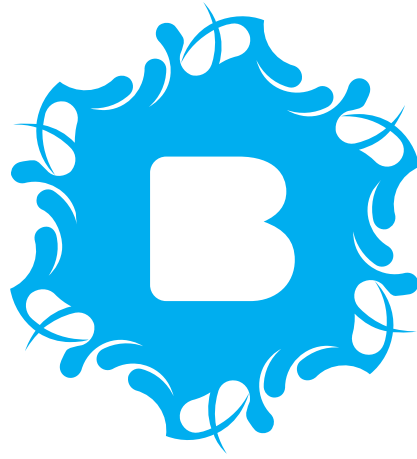


# Press Release



May 2009

## Explore Islamic Culture at Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturday* on June 6

The Brooklyn Museum's *Target First Saturdays* event attracts thousands of visitors to **free** programs of art and entertainment each month. In conjunction with the special exhibition *Light of the Sufis: The Mystical Arts of Islam* and as part of the city-wide celebration **Islamic Culture, Muslim Voices**, the **June 6 Target First Saturday** event presents music, dance, and film of the Islamic world. Highlights include a Sufi-inspired musical performance by **Brooklyn Qawwali Party**, a demonstration which follows a cinematic glimpse into the world of whirling dervishes in *I Named Her Angel*, and a dance party by GlobeSonic's **DJ Fabian** Alsultany and **DJ Pepe** of Electric Lila.

### JUNE 6 SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

#### 5–7 p.m. & 9:30–10:45 p.m. Music

Funky jazz orchestra Brooklyn Qawwali Party performs songs with a Brooklyn flare that honor the legendary Pakistani vocalist Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan.

#### 5:30–7 p.m. Film and Performance

*I Named her Angel* (Nefin Dinc, 2006, 30 min., Turkish with English subtitles) follows twelve-year-old Elif as she conquers her stage fright, masters the art of whirling, and joins the Mevlevi Brotherhood. The film will be followed by a whirling demonstration in the Beaux-Arts Court. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

#### 6–7 p.m. Artist Talk: Seher Shah

Seher Shah, featured in the exhibition *21: Selections of Contemporary Art from the Brooklyn Museum*, discusses her work. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 5 p.m.*

#### 6:30–8:30 p.m. Hands-On Art

Participants are invited to create a lantern inspired by the light in Sufi art and poetry. *Free timed tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 5:30 p.m.*

#### 6:30 p.m. Film

*I Love Hip Hop in Morocco* (Joshua Asen, Jennifer Needlema, 2007, 80 min., NR) follows a group of Moroccan artists struggling to produce the country's first professional hip-hop concert. A question-and-answer session with the director follows. *Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 6 p.m.*

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### **7 p.m. Young Voices Gallery Talk**

Student Guides explore the diversity of Islamic art and identity in the Museum's permanent collection.

### **8 p.m. Curator Talk**

Ladan Akbarnia, Associate Curator of Arts of the Islamic World, leads a Sign Language-interpreted talk on the special exhibition *Light of the Sufis: The Mystical Arts of Islam*. Free tickets are available at the Visitor Center at 7 p.m.

### **9 p.m. Target First Saturdays Book Club**

Participants are invited to join in a discussion about *My Name Is Red*, the award-winning murder mystery by Nobel Laureate Orhan Pamuk that revolves around illuminated manuscripts in sixteenth-century Istanbul.

### **9–11 p.m. Dance Party**

GlobeSonic Sound System DJ Fabian Alsultany and DJ Pepe of Electric Lila bring together the eclectic sounds and rhythms of the Islamic world.

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Throughout the evening, a cash bar will offer beer and wine, and the Museum Café will serve a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, and beverages. The Museum Shop will remain open until 11 p.m.

Some *Target First Saturday* programs have limited capacity and must be ticketed; lines for free tickets often form 30 minutes in advance. Members may pick up tickets from the Membership Desk beginning at 2 p.m. while supplies last. **Programs are subject to change without notice.** Museum galleries are open until 11 p.m. Parking is a flat rate of \$4 from 5 to 11 p.m.

For more information, please visit [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org)

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