



THE TEXTILE MUSEUM

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PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN MUSIC TO BE PRESENTED AT THE TEXTILE MUSEUM ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

WHAT: Enjoy a special evening of classical Indian music performed on the sitar and surbahar. Featured surbahar musician Shubha Sankaran is the only woman actively playing this instrument on the global concert circuit. Sitar musician Brian Q. Silver was recognized for his artistry by the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts. This is the third program of the museum's Evenings at The TM series—a dynamic set of events on topics ranging from Arabian cuisine to contemporary art quilts, inspired by The Textile Museum's current exhibitions. Fee: \$15/Textile Museum members; \$20/non-members. Advance registration is required; space is limited. To register, call (202) 667-0441, ext. 64. *Evenings at The TM is funded by Eleanor T. and Samuel J. Rosenfeld.* For more information on the series, visit www.textilemuseum.org/evenings.htm.

WHEN: Thursday, January 15, 6:30 pm

WHERE: The Textile Museum, 2320 S Street NW, Washington DC 20008
Metro: Dupont Circle, Q Street Exit

ABOUT THE CURRENT EXHIBITION, *TIMBUKTU TO TIBET: RUGS AND TEXTILES OF THE HAJJI BABAS*

Timbuktu to Tibet: Rugs and Textiles of the Hajji Babas examines the central role that rugs and textiles play in diverse cultures around the world. Through the display of 90 Oriental carpets and other woven objects, all drawn from the holdings of the Hajji Baba Club, the nation's oldest and most prestigious collection society, the exhibition showcases the dazzling beauty of the pieces and explores the context in which they were created and used within cultures on several continents.

ABOUT THE TEXTILE MUSEUM: Founded in 1925 by George Hewitt Myers, The Textile Museum is an international center for the exhibition, study, collection and preservation of the textile arts. The Museum explores the role that textiles play in the daily and ceremonial life of individuals the world over. Special attention is given to textiles of the Near East, Asia, Africa and the indigenous cultures of the Americas. The Museum also presents exhibitions of historical and contemporary quilts, and fiber art. With a collection of more than 18,000 textiles and rugs and an unparalleled library, The Textile Museum is a unique and valuable resource for people locally, nationally and internationally.

The Textile Museum is located at 2320 'S' Street, NW in Washington, DC. The Museum is open Monday - Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Admission is free; suggested donation is \$5.00. For further information, call 202-667-0441 or visit www.textilemuseum.org.

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