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**Encyclopaedia Iranica:
The Legacy of a Nation Past and Present**

Join us for a special celebration commemorating the completion of the midway point of the *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, the landmark undertaking by its founding Editor, Dr. Ehsan Yarshater, to record and document the history, culture, and life of the Iranian peoples from prehistory to the present.

Dr. Yarshater will survey the remarkable work that has been accomplished to date on the *Encyclopaedia*, as well as the challenges that remain in completing this monumental endeavor intended to preserve the legacy of one of the oldest and most influential civilizations developed in the Middle East.

Time: 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

Date: Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Location: School of International Affairs, Dag Hammarskjold Hall (Rm 1501)
Columbia University, 420 West 118th Street, New York, NY 10027

Tickets: Available exclusively at www.nourfoundation.com

Also Featuring:

*Rumi Mystical Poetry Recital by Dr. Iraj Anvar
with Traditional Persian Music by the Ava Ensemble*

Special Performance by Renowned ExperiMentalist Gerard Senehi

Silent Auction

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The Center for Iranian Studies is the foremost academic research center in Iranian studies in the United States. Founded by Prof. Ehsan Yarshater, the Center sponsors art exhibitions, film screenings, musical performances, and occasional lectures, but focuses on an extensive program of scholarly publications and related projects.

