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**The Conference of the Birds - A Tale of Magic, Music and Wonder**

UBUD (14 September 2010) - Celebrating the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival theme Harmony in Diversity, theatre fireFLY presents a physical theatre performance "The Conference of the Birds", based on a 12 Century Sufi poem by Farid Ud Din Attar. The story tells of a group of diverse birds on a quest for Oneness.

One of the most famous and quoted sections from The Conference of the Birds is about this unity they eventually achieved.

‘Come you lost atoms to your centre draw  
and be the eternal mirror that you saw  
Rays that have wondered into darkness wide  
return and into your sun subside’

The actors bring this timeless classic to life with music, singing, dancing and storytelling that blends Sufi traditional forms with contemporary styles in the majestic setting of the Purnama Open Theatre, Maya Ubud Resort & Spa.

The multi-cultural, intergenerational fireFLY ensemble including Atta Melvin, Raditya Santosa, Oded Carmi, Virginia Hicks, Yuanita Ramadhani and Lindsey Wise appear in this vibrant adaptation. The cast is led by Sage Alia Kimball playing the Hoopoe who, with the spiritual ardour of Joan of Arc incites the birds to brave the arduous journey in search of their souls.

Live instrumentation by Anello Capuano and ensemble features North African, Middle Eastern, Central Asian and Indian music. Choreography is by Eilat Tovi and direction by Rehane Abrahams.

With live instrumentation, storytelling, singing and dancing, this theatrical odyssey brings to the stage a well loved classic of Islamic literature and promises to be a rare treat for the soul.

The Conference of the Birds will be held every evening during the Ubud Writers & Readers Festival 6-10 October at Purnama Open Theatre, Maya Ubud Resort & Spa at 7pm, except on Thursday, 7 October there will be a special performance for Schools Matinee at 11am.

Ticket Prices:

Guests to the UWRF Festival: Rp 250,000

Kitas Holders: Rp150,000

Students: Rp 75,000

Indonesian: Rp 50,000

15% discount to festival pass holders and 10 % discount on block bookings

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