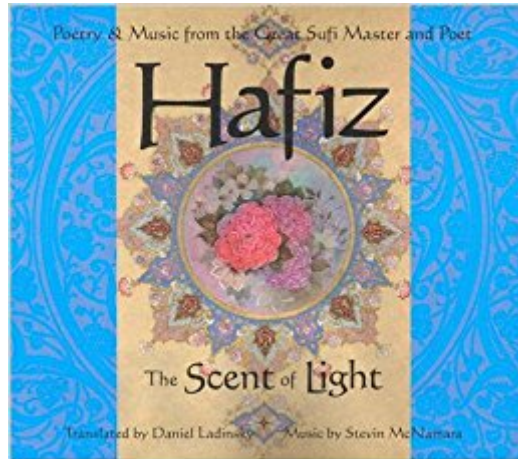




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Hafiz: The Scent Of Light



Synopsis

In modern day Persia, the 14th century poet Hafiz remains the most treasured voice of his homeland—a place where his work outsells Rumi, and even the Koran. Yet only recently have Westerners come to know this wild Sufi mystic's astonishing verses on love and spiritual longing. Now, with *Hafiz: The Scent of Light*, listeners join Daniel Ladinsky—the acclaimed translator of *The Gift*—to revel in more than 30 of Hafiz' most stirring works. Offered here in the manner that Hafiz composed them, spoken or sung spontaneously amid companions and inspired music, each of these exquisite love songs (ghazals) shimmers with a nuance, depth, and passion rarely captured in previous translations. Music by Stevin McNamara and friends. Read by Nataraja Kallio.

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Customer Reviews

Born in 1320 as Shams-ud-din Muhammad, the most beloved poet of Persia was thought to have written an estimated 5,000 poems by the time he died in 1389, of which only 500-700 have survived. This unprecedented audio presentation of Hafiz's poetry, as translated by Daniel Ladinsky, is interwoven with musical accompaniment by music artist Stevin McNamara. Abridged. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Hafiz (1320 - 1389) is the most beloved poet of Persia. He was born and lived in Shiraz where he became a famous spiritual teacher. When he died he was thought to have written an estimated 5,000 poems, of which 500 to 700 have survived. Hafiz' poems have been admired by such diverse

writers as Goethe, Emerson, Nietzsche, Pushkin, Turgenev, and Garcia Lorca. Translator Daniel Ladinsky was born and raised in the Midwest. For six years he made his home in a spiritual community in western India, where he worked in a rural clinic free to the poor, and has published three volumes of Hafiz' poetry in translation: THE GIFT, THE SUBJECT TONIGHT IS LOVE, and I HEARD GOD LAUGHING.

Mindful images grow and swirl with the soft, rhythmic flow of Hafiz' words only to distance themselves as the sound of voice becomes music, and instruments sway us to places where we may "experience ever and ever more deeply our divine courage, freedom, and Light!" Oh, Hafiz! The poet who pours light into a cup to nourish our beautiful parched, holy mouths. Oh, Hafiz!

I've listened to this recording more than any other over the years. Perhaps it's the joy. Perhaps it's the love. Perhaps the grit and humor. The reading, words and music together make something so moving that it captures the ineffable. I love it so much that this recording has become my favorite gift. Buy a case of them!

I was disappointed in this CD. I'd hoped for a series of gentle readings of Hafiz's wonderful poetry, something to listen to at night or during meditation. Unfortunately, the accompanying music is loud and shrill and dominates. This is more a CD of eastern music with snatches of Hafiz in between than the other way round.

The combination of music and poetry is wonderful. I am rather new to Hafiz and am not a religious person but do not find that my views interfere at all with the beauty and depth of his work. And there is so much humor and delight as well. Some of the poems share great guidelines for living as well.

Beautiful beyond my expectations! When this arrived I popped it into the CD player to check it out (I took a chance on buying it) - I immediately realized it wasn't for casual listening, so I sat down to REALLY listen - and appreciate. It was worth every minute! When you are feeling quiet (or want to be) - treat yourself to this - it's very Heart-Centering!

I love this CD as it balances me, brings me back to my inner self, calms me and is simply gorgeous to listen to

I love this!

I find this CD enjoyable, but you have to take it for what it is, not for what it is not. It is primarily Indian music interspersed with short readings of the poetry of Hafiz. Nataraja Kallio has a very smooth voice, which is appropriate for this poetry. In addition to this mostly musical CD, I would enjoy a CD that consists of poems of Hafiz read one after another with little or no music. I encourage the Sounds True company to produce such a CD.

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