

The Program in Scripture and the Arts  
in the Department of Religion at Boston University  
is pleased to present

# Father of Songs

## *Rudaki and His Poetry*



a reading and discussion with

## Dr. Sassan Tabatabai

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Core Curriculum and the Department of Modern Languages and Comparative Literatures  
Poetry Editor, *The Republic of Letters*

*With an introduction by David Eckel,  
Director of the Core Curriculum and Associate Professor of Religion.*

A reading and discussion of the poetry of Rudaki, the tenth-century poet often called “the father of Persian poetry,” whose writings Sassan Tabatabai has recently translated and published in ***Father of Songs: Rudaki and His Poetry*** (Purdue University Press, 2008). The discussion will touch on Zoroastrian themes in the poet's writings. The reading will be followed by a light reception. This event is free and open to the public.

Monday, November 24, 2008, 6pm

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