

Tamarind Society presents Qawwali Night



*A tribute to the legendary Aziz Mian Qawwal
by his prodigious son Tabrez Aziz Mian*



*on Friday, July 30th, 2010 at 8:00 P M
at the residence of Nusrat and Jamil Mohsin
8 Manor House Ct, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003*

Aziz Mian Qawwal (April 17, 1942 – December 6, 2000) was one of Pakistan's leading traditional qawwals. At the age of ten, he began learning the art of Qawwali under the tutelage of Ustad Abdul Waheed Khan. He received sixteen years of training at the Data Ganj Baksh School of Lahore, and obtained a degree in Urdu literature from the University of Punjab, Lahore. Aziz Mian was the only prominent qawwal to write his own lyrics. He was fond of discussing religious and Sufi paradoxes in his qawwalis. In addition to his own poetry, Aziz Mian performed poetry by Allama Iqbal, and a number of contemporary Urdu poets. For his services in philosophy and music, the Government of Pakistan awarded him the *Pride of Performance* medal in 1989.

Aziz Mian's three sons Imran, Tabrez, and Naeem have all followed in his footsteps. Tabrez is, however, considered to be the closest to his father's style. His appearance and his style are a mirror image of his father. Affectionately named "Light of the Legend", Tabrez Aziz Mian is currently touring North America paying a tribute to his legendary father.

Dress: South Asian Semi-Formal.

Tickets: \$50.

The event is limited to 30 couples. RSVP is requested. To reserve your seats, please register early by contacting **Jamil** at jamilmohtsin@yahoo.com or **856-889-9598**. and bring in your personal checks made out to "Tamarind Society".

Your tickets will be waiting for you at the event.

Tamarind is a not-for-profit cultural society that promotes and fosters an appreciation of the wonderfully vibrant South Asian performing arts in the Tri-state region of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York through the enactment of concerts, seminars and exhibitions.