## CAVAFY: THE POET OF THE CITY

Performance in English

7:00pm, Saturday, December 10, 2011. UMDNJ Main Auditorium, Piscataway, NJ

FREE ADMISSION - RSVP TO RESERVE A SEAT



Explore the private universe and public persona of the beloved Alexandrian poet, in a striking reading-performance by

## **Yannis Simonides**

- Emmy award for his documentary A Light Still Bright
- Founder and director of the Greek Theater of New York
- Performs his one-man show The Apology of Socrates worldwide.

The work intends to bring to life a man who is considered to be one of the most important poets of the 20th century. By paying homage to the theatricality of Cavafy's voice and gesture, his private universe and public persona, Simonides attempts to arrive at the moments of the poet's inspiration, to peer at the workings of his lifelong struggle with adversity and of his ultimate liberation, and to sculpt these findings on stage in a manner that may shock the audience into a recognition of humanity's possible redemption through the power of love, art, irony and the pleasures of learning. The performance is accompanied by music of the time and by images of Alexandria and Cavafy's life.

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