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Library Film Series and Panel Discussion Explores Muslim Worlds

HARTFORD, Connecticut (November 14, 2013) – A series of film screenings designed to promote cross-cultural exchange and understanding on the topic of Muslim Worlds will be held at the Hartford Public Library’s Center for Contemporary Culture on Tuesday, November 19 and Tuesday, December 3. Both screenings of the facilitated *Muslim Journeys on Film* series are free and open to all, and begin at 6:00 PM.

The November 19th event features the film “Koran by Heart: One Chance to Remember.” Every year over 100 young people from 70 countries across the Islamic world arrive in Cairo to compete in the world’s oldest and most prestigious Koran reciting contest – the International Holy Koran competition. The film follows three 10-year-old scholars, one girl and two boys, as they leave their countries to compete. Facilitators will include Dr. Feryal Salem, Hartford Seminary Assistant Professor of Islamic Scriptures and Law, and Janet Bauer, Trinity College Associate Professor of International Studies.

On December 3rd, “Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World” explores the richness of Islamic art from great palaces and mosques to the exquisite beauty of ceramics, carved boxes, paintings and metal work. Nine countries are featured, including Turkey, Spain, Mali, spanning 1,400 years of artistic heritage. Facilitators include Aida Mansoor of the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut and Janet Bauer, Trinity College Associate Professor of International Studies.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. To register, contact (860) 695-6334 or hnafic@hplct.org.

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