



Friday, March 10, 2000

OU brings the Middle East to campus

Oakland University will host the Festival of the Middle East from March 15-April 5 with a variety of lectures, films and activities to bring the flavor of the Middle East to campus.

A series of events are to include:

"The Art of Marc Chagall," presented by Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Ph.D., assistant professor, Arts and Art History. Wednesday, March 15 at 12 p.m. in 124 Wilson Hall.

Karim Alrawi's Chagall's Arabian Nights at Meadow Brook Theatre from Saturday, March 18-Sunday, April 9. For information and performance times, call the theatre at (248) 377-3300.

Film: Silences of the Palace, followed by a discussion by Peter Bertocci, professor of Anthropology. Monday, March 20 at 12 p.m. in the Archive Room at Kresge Library.

"Masculinity in Early Islam," presented by Thiresa Rogers, M.A., lecturer, Middle Eastern Studies. Tuesday, March 21 at 12 p.m. in room 124 Wilson Hall.

Arab Music! Arab Dance! with Arab musicians and dancers on Wednesday, March 22 at 12 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center.

"The Dissolution of Muslim Marriages in the U.S.," presented by Muneer Fareed, Ph.D., lecturer, Middle Eastern Studies. Thursday, March 23 at 12 p.m. in the Lake Superior Room in the Oakland Center.

Film: The Veiled Revolution, followed by a discussion by Peter Bertocci, professor of Anthropology. Monday, March 27 at 12 p.m. in the Archive Room in Kresge Library.

TasteFest of Arab Cuisine. Tuesday, March 28 at 12 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge in the Oakland Center.

"Delacroix in Morocco," presented by Louisa C. Ngote M.A., curator of visual resources, Art and Art History. Wednesday, March 29 at 12 p.m. in 124 Wilson Hall.

"Arab Storytelling: The Illustrated Book," presented by Bonnie F. Abiko, Ph.D., associate professor, Art and Art History. Thursday, March 30 at 12 p.m. in 124 Wilson Hall.

Film: Mecca: The Forbidden City, followed by a discussion by Peter Bertocci, professor of Anthropology. Monday, April 3 at 12 p.m. in 202 Kresge Library.

"Arab Women: Leaders, Fighters and Innovators: My Personal List," presented by Fatma Mili, Ph.D., associate professor, Engineering and Computer Science. Tuesday, April 4 at 12 p.m. in 124 Wilson Hall.

"Challenges to Islam in the 21st Century," presented by John L. Esposito, Ph.D., professor, Religion and International Affairs, director, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. Wednesday, April 5 at 12 p.m. in Gold Rooms A & B in the Oakland Center.

These programs are presented by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Center for International Programs, the Department of Art and Art History and Meadow Brook Theatre.

All events (except Chagall's Arabian Nights) are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Center for International Programs at (248) 370-2154.

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