

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS

MIDDLE EAST FILM FESTIVAL

The first Middle East Film Festival will be held June 4th-11th at the Bleecker St. Cinema in New York's Greenwich Village. The Festival is being organized by independent filmmakers in cooperation with the Bleecker St. Cinema to provide a forum for artists and points of view that do not receive adequate exposure in the United States. Filmmakers from Egypt, Iran, Israel, and Kuwait will be at the Festival to discuss their works. These filmmakers include: Laila Abou-Saif, an Egyptian director and actress whose film "I Want My Freedom" explores the history and impact of feminism in Egypt (Ms. Abou-Saif was a MESA Visiting Scholar in 1975); Igal Niddam, an Israeli filmmaker whose film "We Are All Jewish Arabs" received the Critic's Award at the 1977 International Film Festival in Brussels; Marva Nabili, Iran's only woman director/producer, who wrote and directed "The Sealed Soil;" and Khalid Seddick, a Kuwaiti filmmaker, whose film, "The Cruel Sea," about pearl-diving in the Gulf, will be shown.

Each day of the Festival will feature separate afternoon and evening screenings organized around the following themes:

Monday, June 4th	Women in the Middle East
Monday	Tradition in Transition
Tuesday	The Struggle for Social Change
Wednesday and Thursday	Battle Scars: Arabs and Israelis
Friday	Films and Panel Discussions on: the Civil War in Lebanon; young Israeli cinema; and artistic freedom in the Middle East.

A complete schedule of films will be available May 1st. Among the films to be shown are several that have had some U.S. exposure (e.g., Susan Sontag's "Promised Lands," as well as several U.S. premieres.

The Festival will conclude with a day-long conference with the visiting filmmakers on Sunday, June 11th, at the Village Gate, on "The Role of the Media in the Middle East."

Tickets are being sold in advance and series tickets are \$30.00 for general admission and \$20.00 for students and senior citizens. These tickets are at a discount from the price of individual tickets sold at the door, and guarantee seating in what is a small theater. Tickets and further information are available from:

The Middle East Film Festival
The Bleecker St. Cinema
144 Bleecker St.
New York, New York 10012

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN YEMEN

The American Institute for Research in Yemen was established in the fall of 1977. The purpose of this interdisciplinary non-profit organization is to encourage communication between American and Yemeni scholars and to facilitate scholarly research in the Arab Republic of Yemen. For further information write:

The American Institute for Research in Yemen
5848 South University Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60637

PRIVATE PAPERS COLLECTION -- ST. ANTONY'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

The Middle East Centre at St. Antony's College, Oxford, has a collection of private papers that is available for scholarly use. The collection, started in 1961 by Elizabeth Monroe and Albert Hourani, is a rapidly expanding gathering of the papers, both personal and official, of individuals who served in the Middle East. Included are papers of British Government officials, business men, bankers, and travellers. Gifts of papers have been given the name of the donor, regardless of the content of the collection or the amount of material by the donor to be found in other peoples' collections. The cataloguing system provides both an author index and a subject index for information about a particular topic or country. Also in the catalogue are all available details of relevant Middle Eastern collections both inside and outside the U.K., held either by individuals or learned institutions; in other words, the catalogue serves as a union list of Middle Eastern private papers for the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Inquiries should be addressed to:

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